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Race 1: Discovery

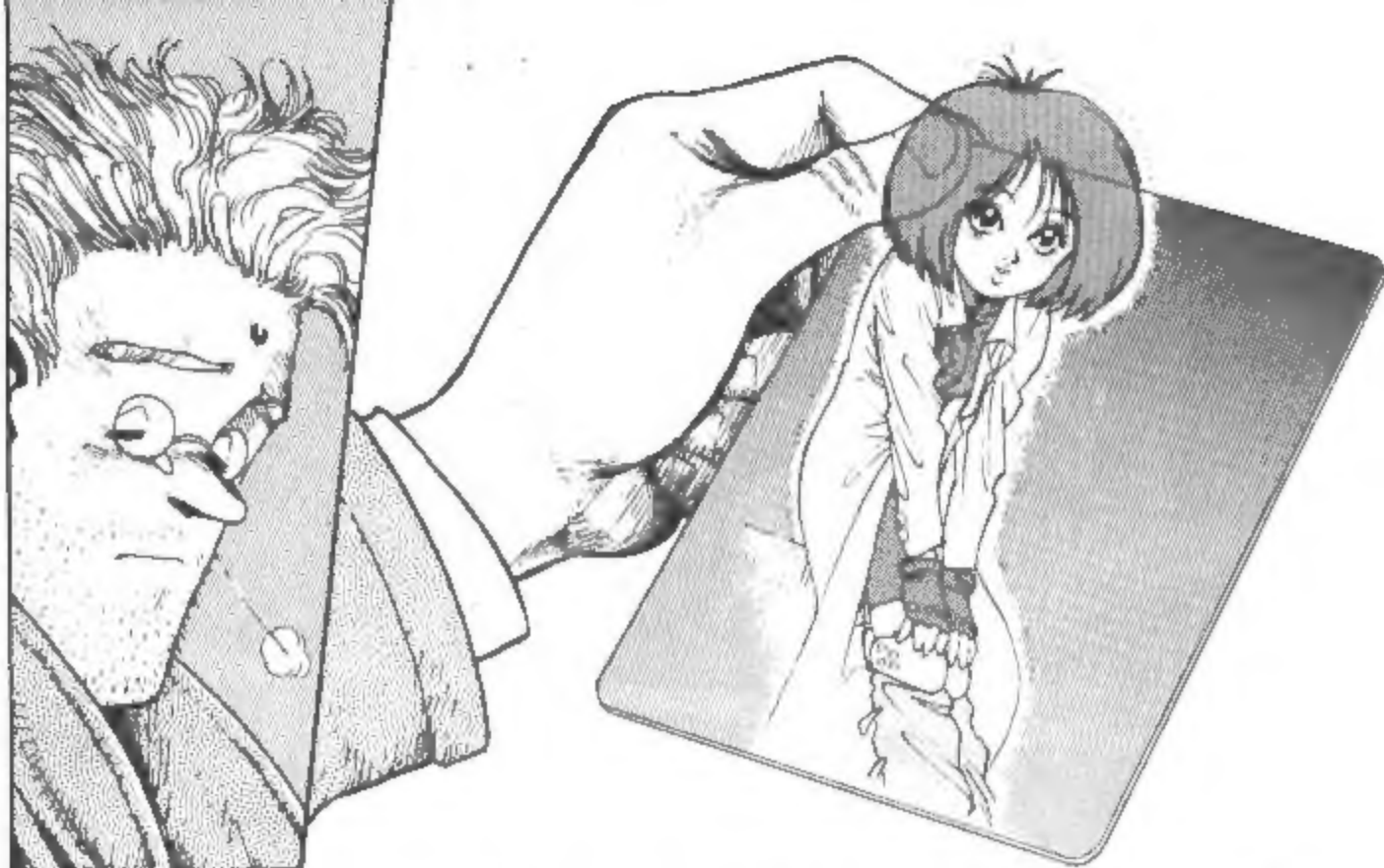


THE SCRAP YARD,
WESTERN REGION...



IT'S BEEN
A MONTH
SINCE IT
HAPPENED...





...LOSING
HUGO REALLY
DID A
NUMBER
ON HER--

HALUCINATE
DESERT
ELEVATE TRY TO HATE
SUFFOCATE ON YOUR
EDGE SERRATE AB
LIBERATE LIBE

--ONE DAY
ALITA JUST
WALKED AWAY
FROM
EVERYTHING.
SHE DIDN'T
COME BACK.

I'VE SEARCHED
EVERYWHERE
FOR HER--
ALL THE WAY
TO THE
WESTERN
REGION...

CHOMP

I GUESS
UNTIL I FIND
ALITA, MY
ROUTINES
ARE ON
HOLD-- NO
MORE "DOC"
IDO... NO
MORE
HUNTER-
WARRIOR
GIGS.

WHAT IF I
DON'T FIND
HER FOR
YEARS...?
WITHOUT
ALITA...



SNURF
SNURF

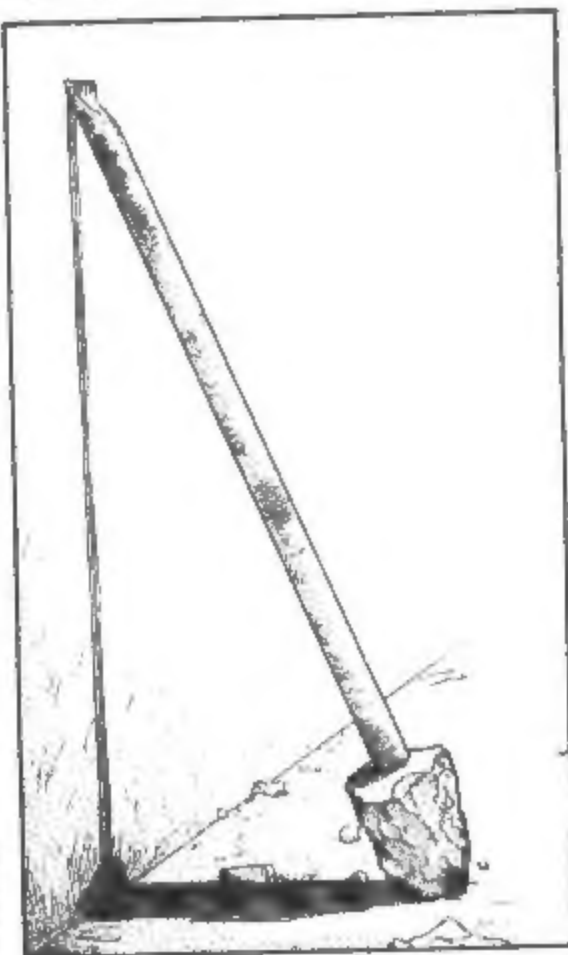


GUESS
I'D BETTER
FIND A
PLACE TO
CRASH...

plorp



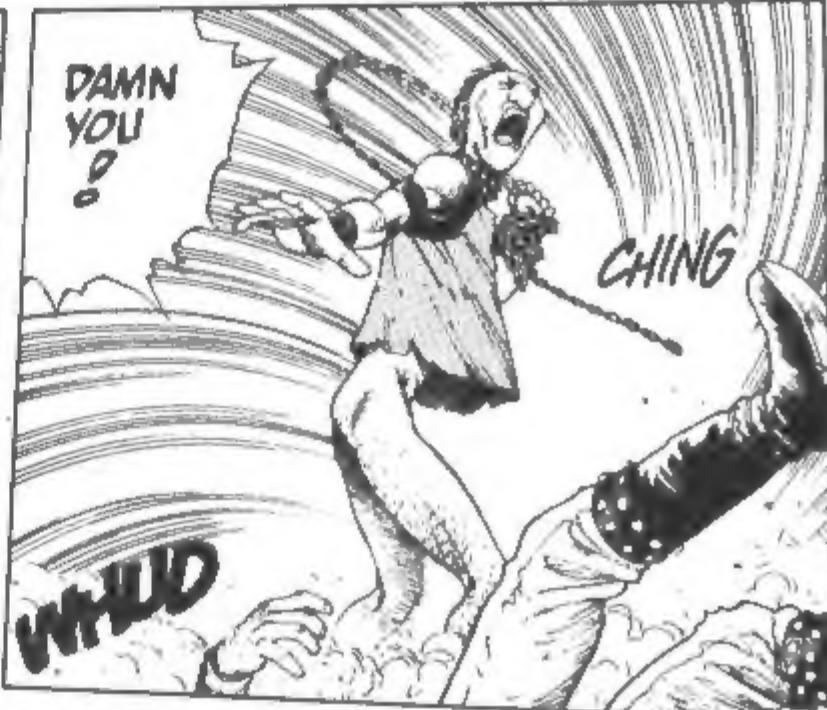
...WITHOUT
ALITA, THESE
STREETS WILL
BE MY ONLY
FRIEND...





BUT I THINK
THIS PIPE
MIGHT LIKE
TO KISS
YOU TWO
GOODNIGHT...

WATCH
YOUR
MOUTH,
MAN!



I'M
GONNA
RIP YOUR
THROAT
OUT,
MAN!





PUNK KIDS.
NO MATCH
FOR A MAN
USED TO
DEALING
WITH CYBER-
ENHANCED
MURDERERS!





"SHUMIRA"
THAT WAS
HER NAME
TOO BAD I
TOLD HER
MINE

SHUMIRA
REALLY
APPRECIATES
WHAT
IDO DID.

SHUMIRA
REALLY,
REALLY
WANTS TO
THANK
IDO--
OKAY?

IDO HAS NO
PLACE TO
STAY? THEN
STAY AT
SHUMIRA'S PLACE!
SHUMIRA
WILL MAKE
IDO DINNER!

AFTER ALL
SHE'S BEEN
THROUGH,
THIS
SHUMIRA
SEEMS
OVERLY
CARELESS

I'M SUCH
A STOIC
AT TIMES
LIKE THIS.

BY THE
WAY

I'M
LOOKING
FOR
SOMEONE





THIS GIRL...

...IDO'S LOVER?



NO--
NOTHING
LIKE
THAT.

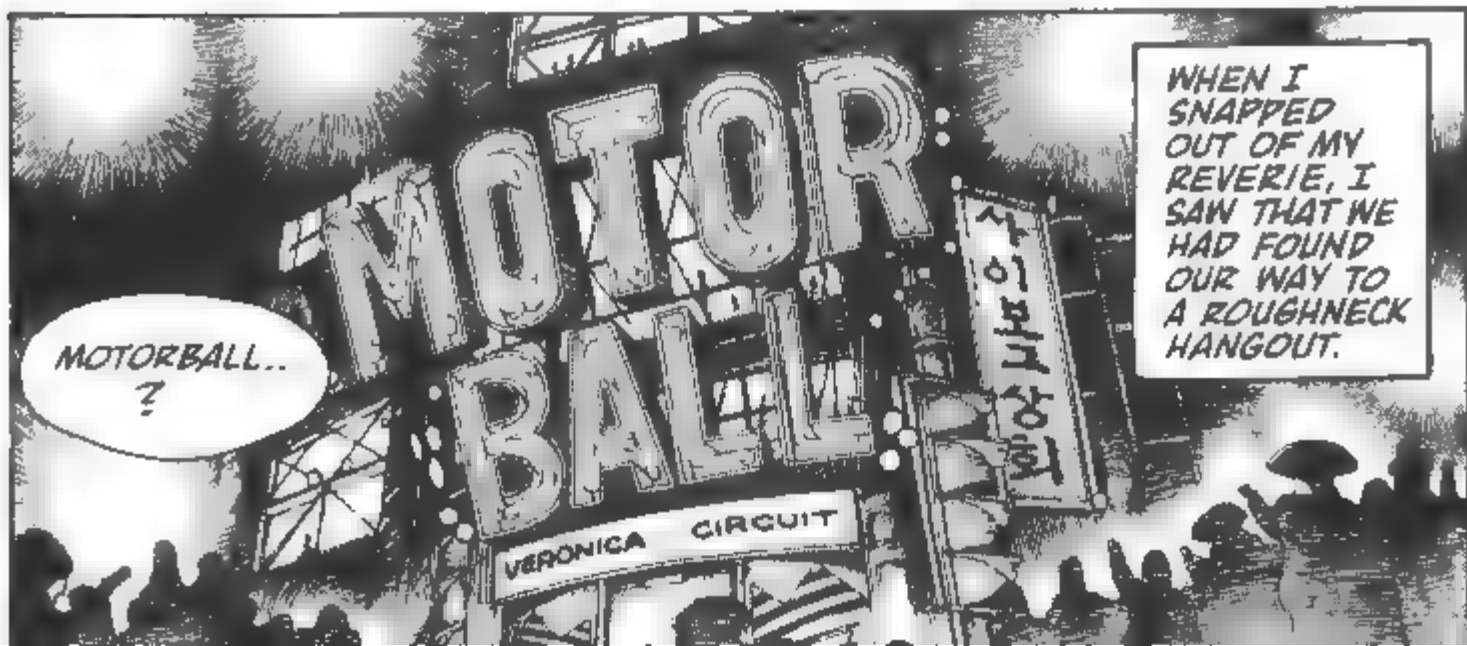
MORE
LIKE MY
DAUGHTER--
THOUGH
I DIDN'T
SAY IT



HEY,
HEY..

SHUMIRA GRABBED
MY ARM, AND AS WE
WOUND THROUGH THE
WESTERN ZONE,
I FOUND MYSELF LOST
IN CONTEMPLATION.

"WHAT IS
ALITA TO ME,
REALLY!?"

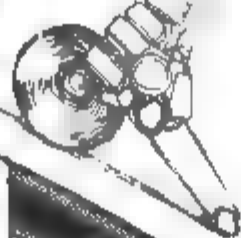


MOTORBALL...
?

WHEN I
SNAPPED
OUT OF MY
REVERIE, I
SAW THAT WE
HAD FOUND
OUR WAY TO
A ROUGHNECK
HANGOUT.

I'VE HEARD
OF THIS
BEFORE... A
COMBAT-
ORIENTED
RACETRACK
IN THE
WESTERN
REGION...

...WHERE
CYBORG
CIRCUIT-RIDERS
COMPETE
TO CONTROL
THE BALL



ONE
TICKET
FOR NO.
57!



HERE'S A
TICKET
FOR
CHANNEL
57...

...IDO
GO
WATCH
THIS!
OKAY?

HUH
?



HEY, HEY, HEY,
ALL YOU CURIOUS
APPARITIONS
OF THE TRANSIENT
WORLD. THE
TIME TO OPEN
UP THE GATES
OF HELL IS
AT HAND!

AND YES--THOSE
COURAGEOUS YET
GLOOMY DUDES WHO
BOUGHT MONITOR
TICKETS MAY NOW
GO TO THEIR
PRIVATE COFFINS
IN THE BASEMENT!
THANK YOU!

HUH
?

WHERE'D
YOU
GO,
SHUMIRA
!?



I DON'T GET IT.

THIS KIND OF MOB-RULE CHAOS ISN'T MY STYLE AT ALL.

IF I'D KNOWN
THAT I'D WIND
UP HERE I
MIGHT'VE
TAKEN HER UP
ON THE OFFER
TO CRASH BACK
AT HER PLACE

HMM
LONG AS
I'M HERE,
MIGHT
AS WELL
TAKE A
LOOK



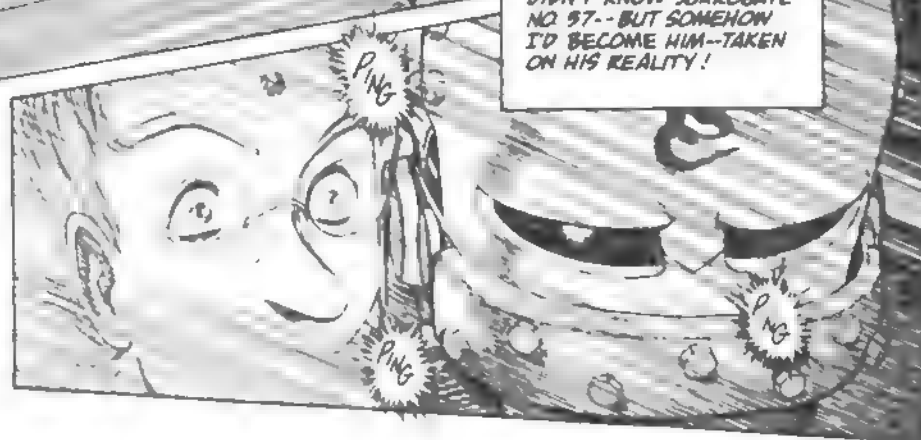
WELCOME
TO THE
CHANNEL 47
"INTERGATE
VALDICCI"

VIA THE SENSORY
INPUT OF YOUR
CHOSEN SURROGATE
YOU WILL NOW
EXPERIENCE IN
REAL TIME THE
ULTIMATE THRILL OF
MOTORBALL!

WHO A!

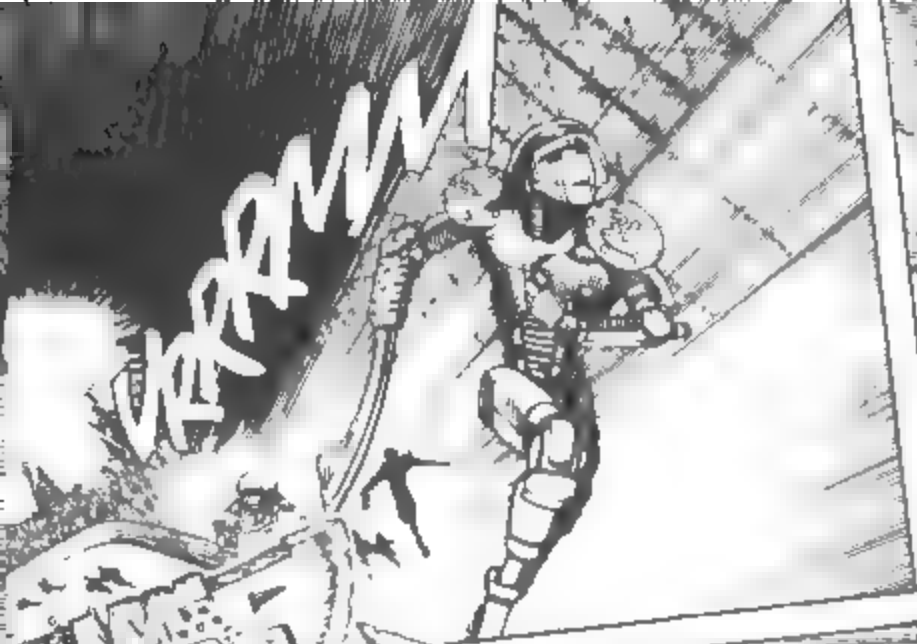
VR
RR
MM

MY EYES AND EARS
WERE SUDDENLY
THRUST INTO A BATTLE
AT 300 KM/H I
DIDN'T KNOW SURROGATE
NO. 97-- BUT SOMEHOW
I'D BECOME HIM--TAKEN
ON HIS REALITY!



IT WAS SOME
KIND OF EXTREME
ROLLERCOASTER
RIDE--A SERIOUS
THRILL-SEEKING
TRIP!

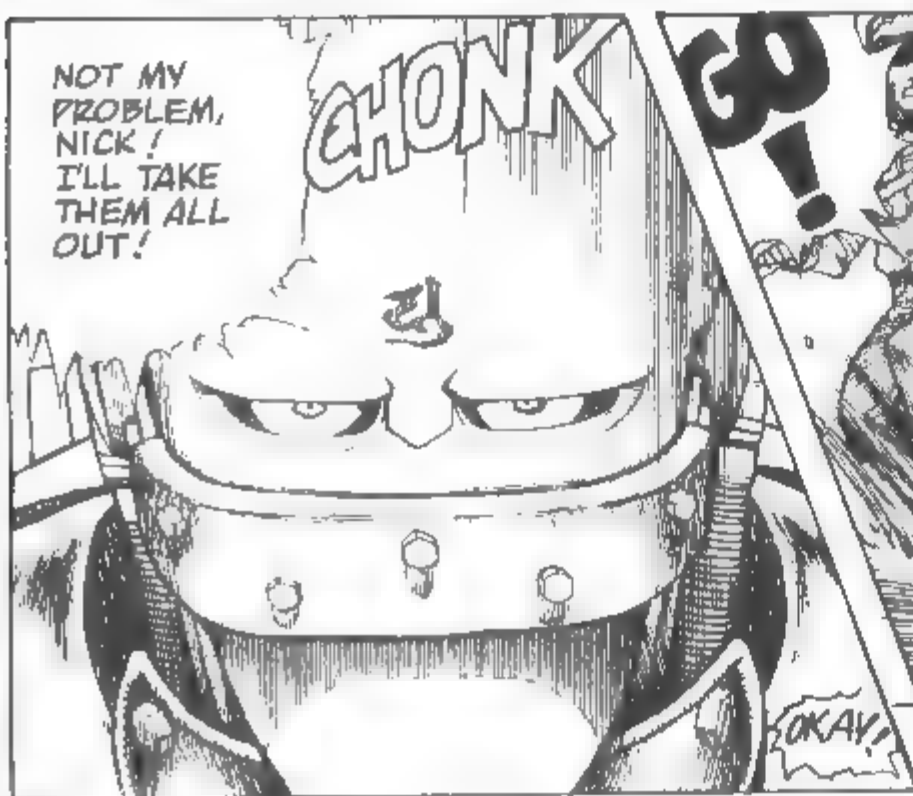
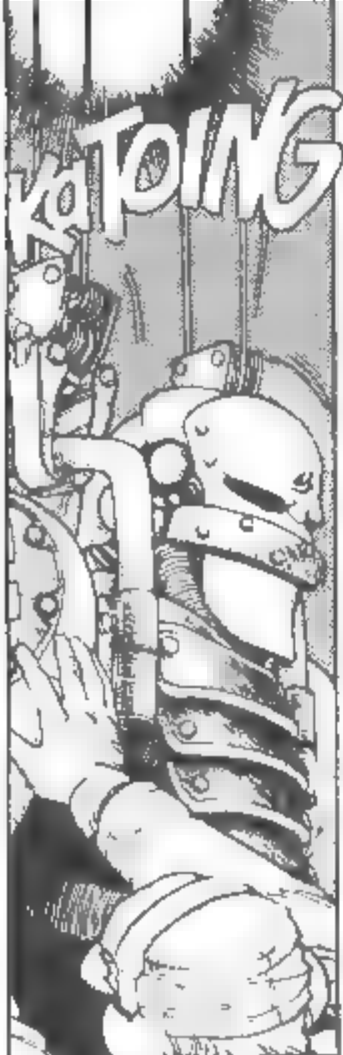




IT'S VALPICCI,
OUR VETERAN
NO 57! HE
SEEMS TO BE
PULLING INTO
A PIT-STOP WITH
MECHANICAL
PROBLEMS!

VROOOM





BALLKEEPER
NO. 31, DEGCHALEV,
IS BEING
ATTACKED BY
VALDICC! FROM
THE PIT ROAD!

DEGGIE,
UNABLE TO
AVOID
THE ATTACK,
CRASHES!

HA, HA.
HA. HA
HA HA!

THE
MOTORBALL
HAS
PASSED
INTO
NO 57--
VALDICCI'S--
HANDS

石壁

YEE-HA!

NO ONE CAN CATCH UP TO VALDY! HE'S ON HIS FINAL LAP! WILL HE BE THE VICTOR!?

YEE-HA!

NO ONE CAN CATCH UP TO VALDY! HE'S ON HIS FINAL LAP! WILL HE BE THE VICTOR!?

VALDY'S IN THE HOME-STRETCH !

BUT WAIT-- THERE'S A PLAYER STOPPED, WAITING FOR HIM AT THE GOAL LINE!

VALDY'S IN THE HOME-STRETCH !

BUT WAIT-- THERE'S A PLAYER STOPPED, WAITING FOR HIM AT THE GOAL LINE!

VRR

IT'S THE KILLING ANGEL, WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED ON THE CIRCUIT TWO WEEKS AGO..

RRRR

...NO. 99!

AAA-
LEEE-
TAAAAH!

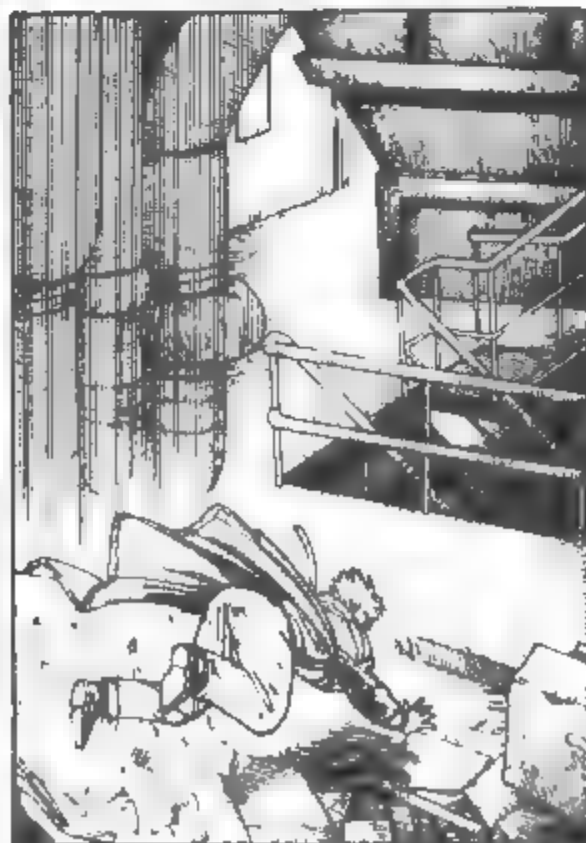
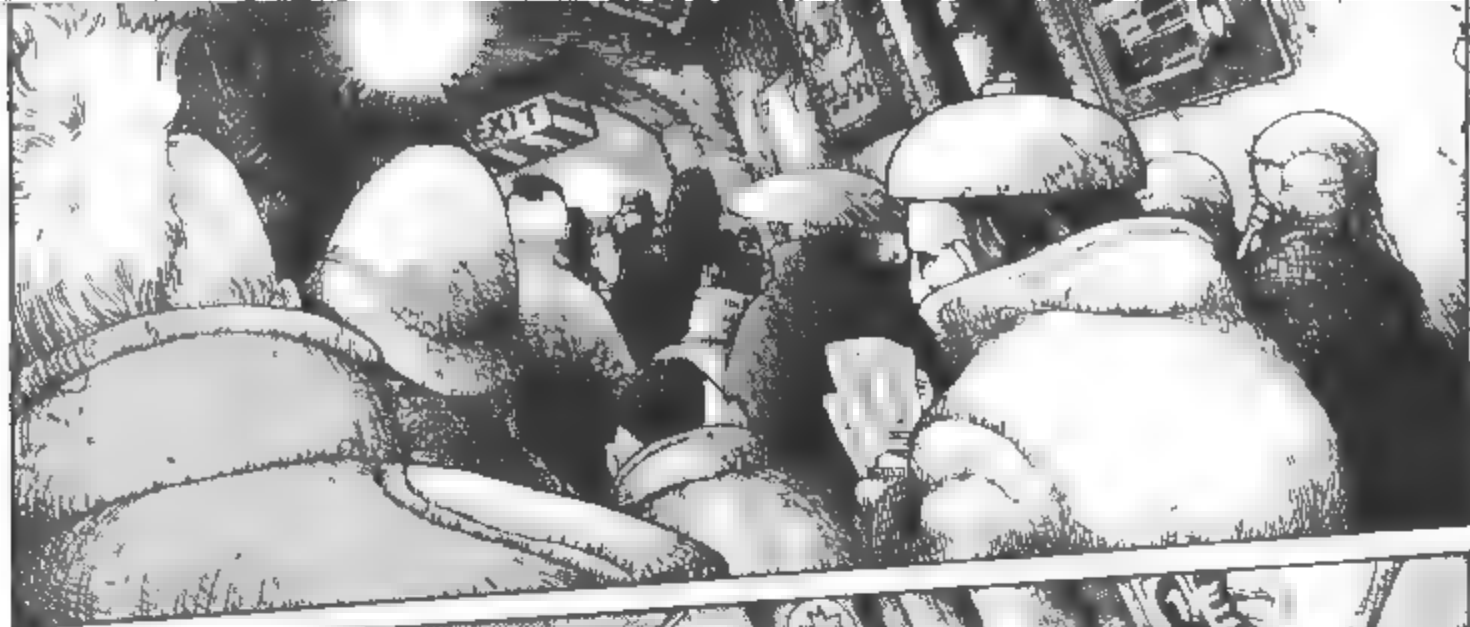


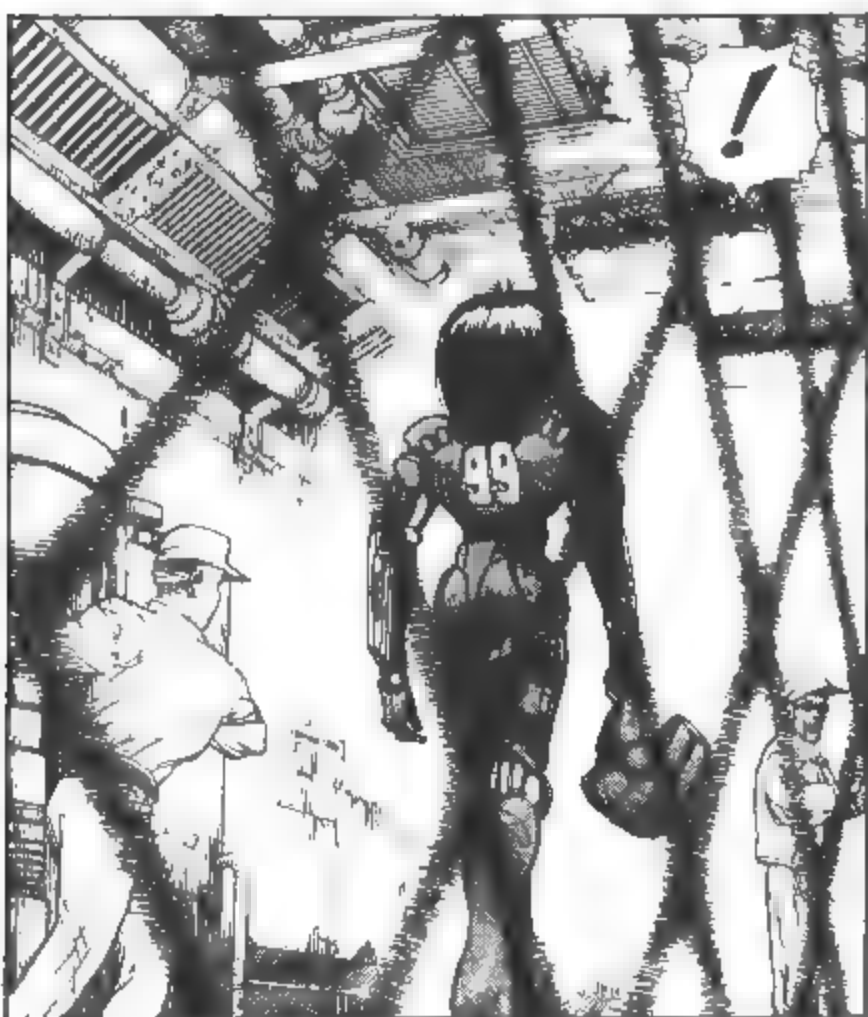
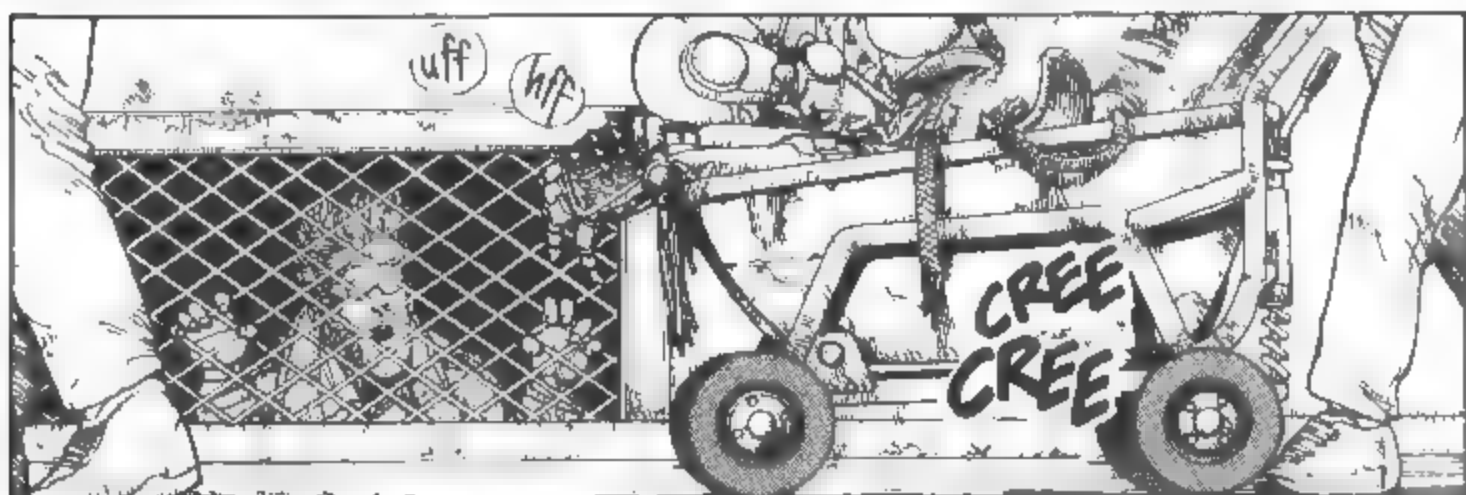




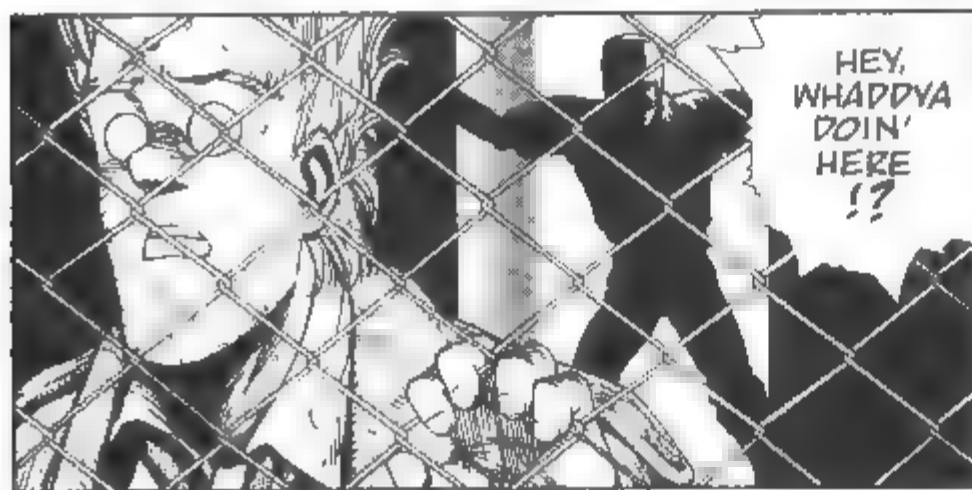
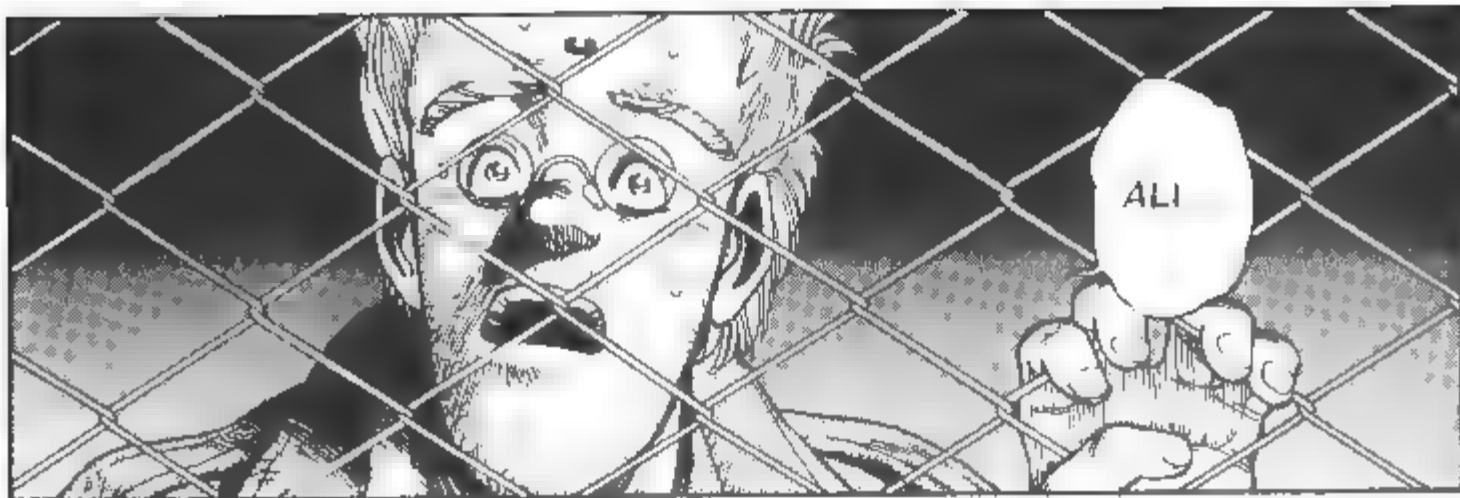
WITH THE
BALL RAISED
HIGH, SHE
WALKS ACROSS
THE FINISH
LINE! TALK
ABOUT NERVE..!

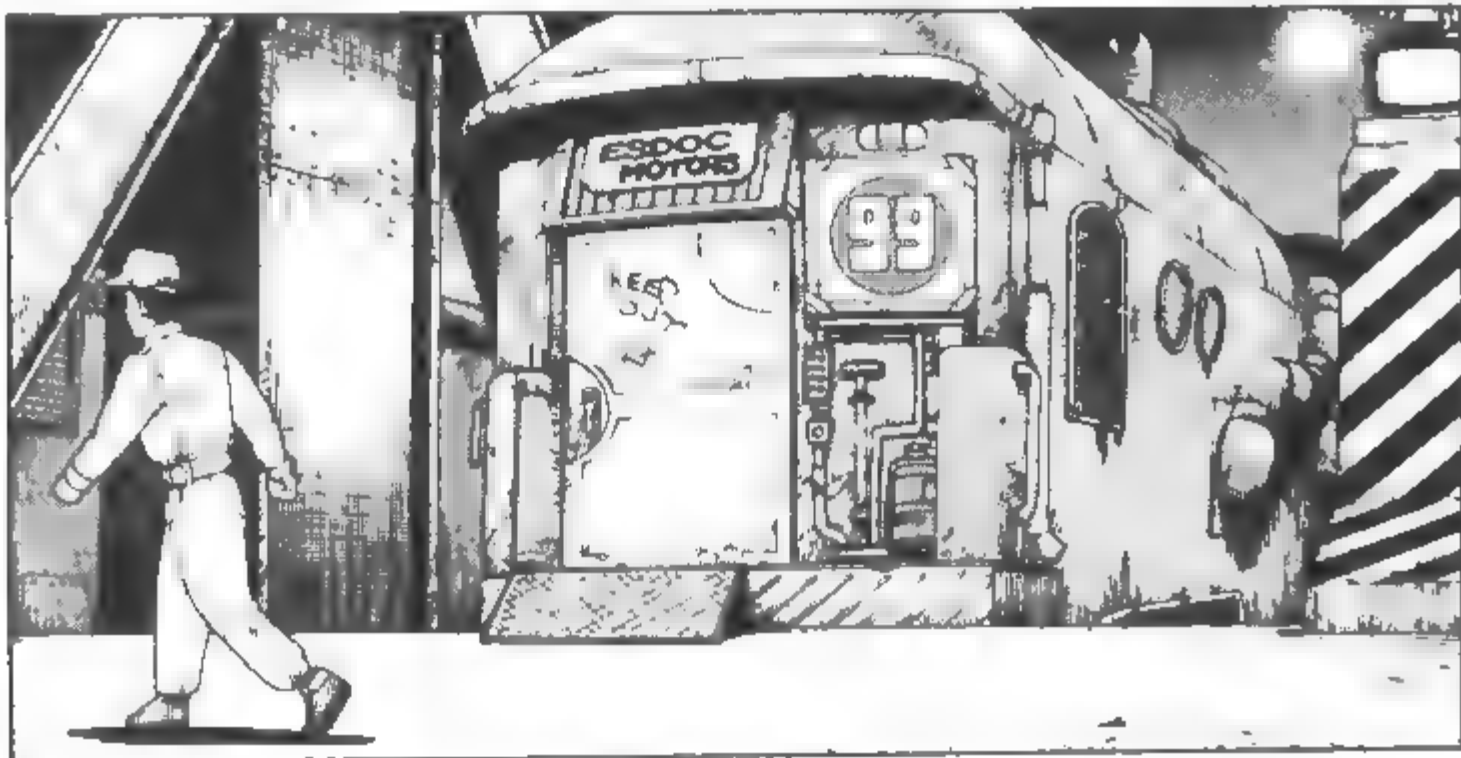
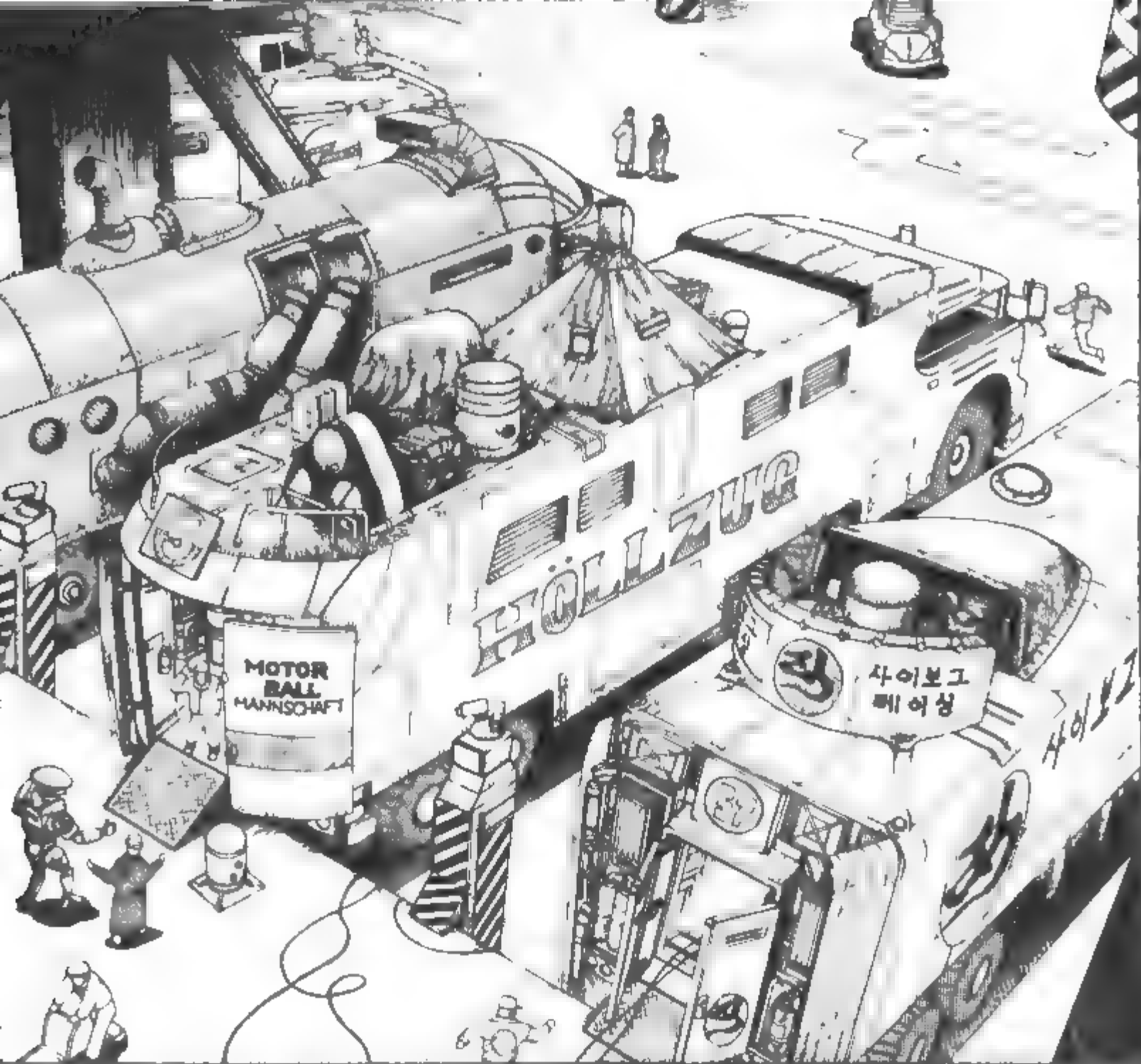
IT'S THE
FOURTH WIN
FOR NO. 99,
ALITA, SINCE
HER STUNNING
DEBUT!













INCREDIBLE--
YOU'RE
OUTTA THIS
WORLD,
ALITA!

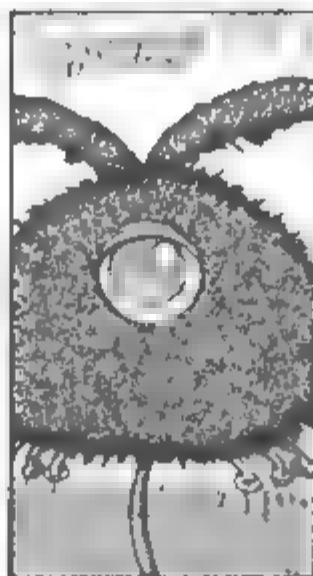
FOUR
STRAIGHT WINS
WITH A
CIRCUIT-RIDER
BODY THAT
AIN'T BEEN
FULLY TUNED
YET!

EH-
HEH

FOR THE
FIRST TIME
IN AGES MY
FINGERS ARE
JUST ITCHIN'
TO GET TO
WORK

EH
HEH

.....



NOW, UMBA!
DON'T GET
EXCITED JUST
'CAUSE ALITA
BEAT SOME
THIRD-LEAGUE
JUNKER...

...WHY,
BACK WHEN
I WAS
DOING THE
CIRCUIT--

UNH!
D-DAMN!
MY
HAND...

TISHA
TISH

D-DON'T
WORRY. HER
MONITOR
TICKET SALES
ARE B-B-BRISK--
ALITA'S A
GREAT
INVESTMENT!

TICKA
TICK

M-M-MEDICINE...

TOK

SO, ED--
YOU
FOUND
THAT
GIRL A
BACKER
YET?

IF WE MAINTAIN
HER WIN AVERAGE
AND GET A
SPONSOR TO
COVER EXPENSES,
SHE'LL BE ABLE
TO MOVE UP TO
THE SECOND
LEAGUE IN
NO TIME!

IN ALITA'S
CASE, EVEN
TOP
LEAGUE
ISN'T
OUT OF
REACH!

HEH...

WAH
HA HA
HA!



HMPH!
LIFE'S
A FUNNY
THING,
ISN'T
IT?

TO THINK
THAT A
GIRL WHO
JUST A
MONTH
AGO WAS
BAWLING
HER EYES
OUT IN
JOE'S BAR--

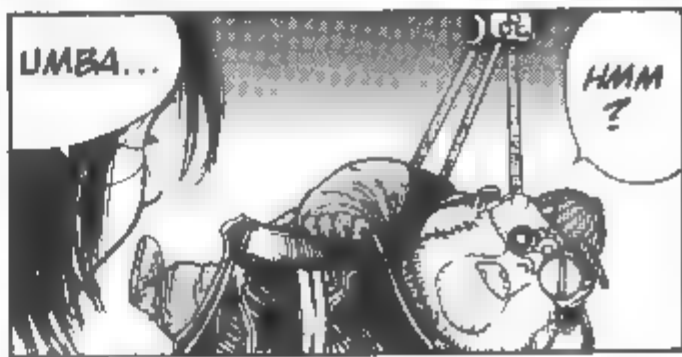
!



NOW,
ED!



OOPS,
THAT'S RIGHT
PROMISED
NOT TO
BRING THAT
UP...



UMBA...

HMM
?



WHY DID
YOU GIVE MY
CIRCUIT-RIDER
BODY FEMALE
PROPORTIONS?



W-WHY,
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
A GIRL,
O'COURSE..

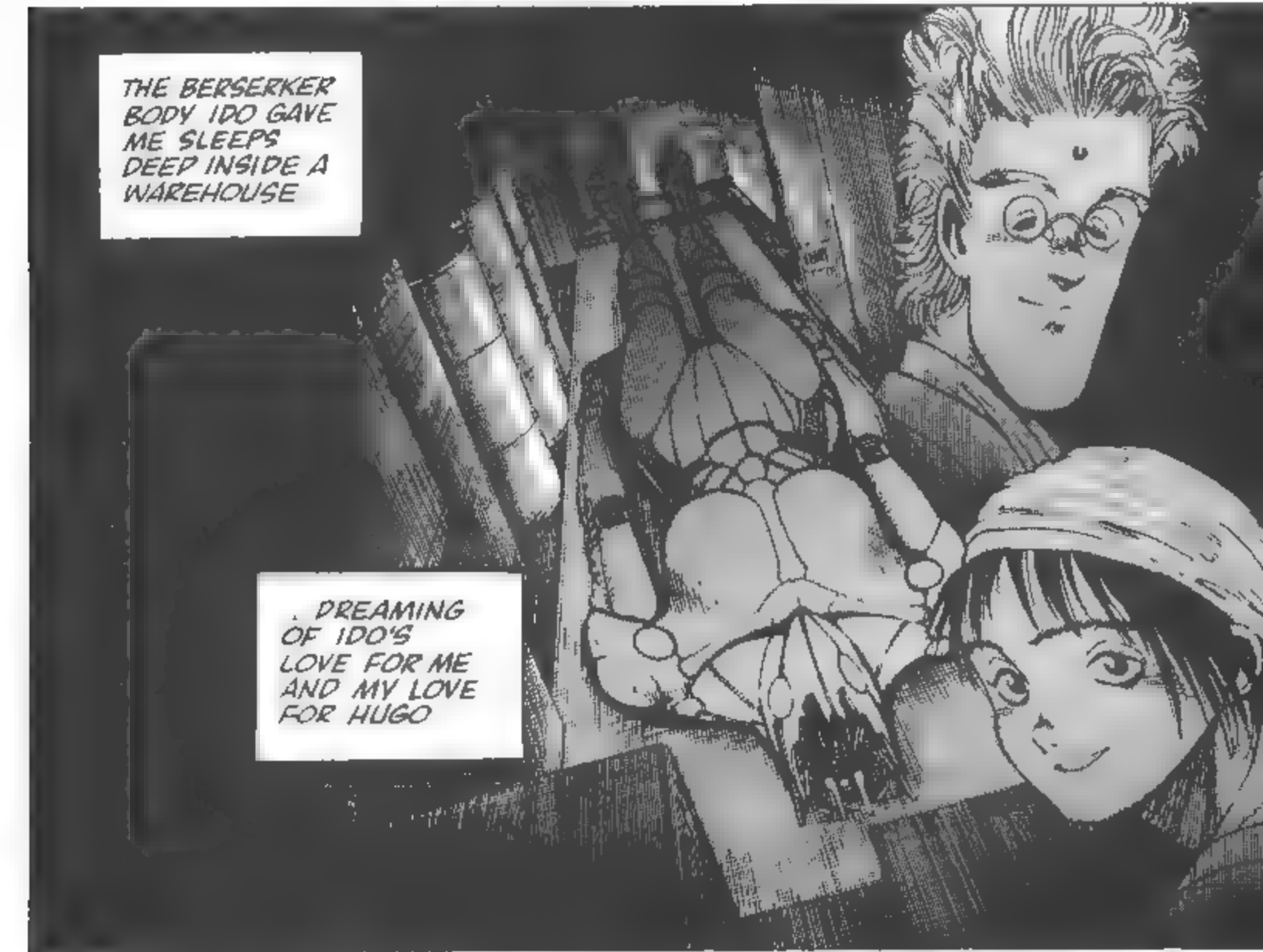
...PLUS IT'S
LIGHT-WEIGHT
AND
HIGH-SPEED--
FOR A
HUMANOID.
BESIDES, THE
SPECTATORS
GET A RISE
OUT OF IT



AFTER
HUGO,
I...

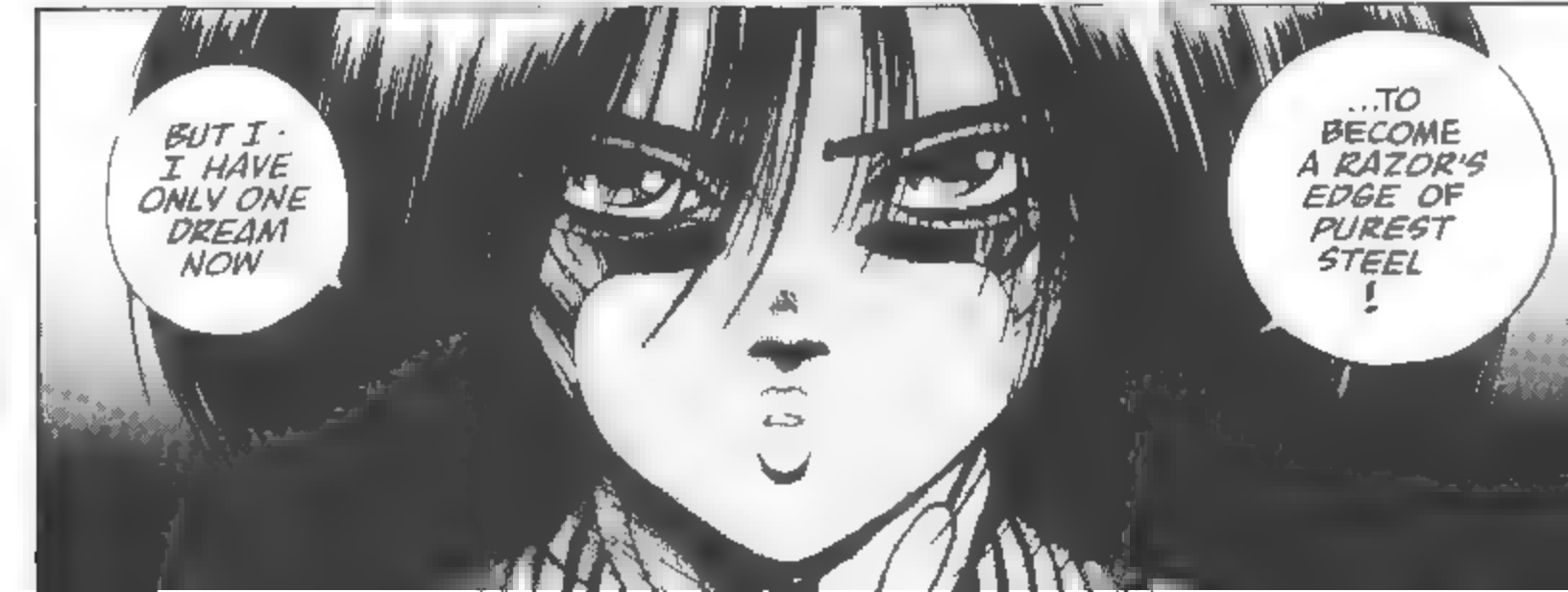
.. I WANTED
TO FORGET
EVERYTHING.

THAT'S WHY
I APPLIED
TO BECOME
A MOTORBALL
PLAYER.



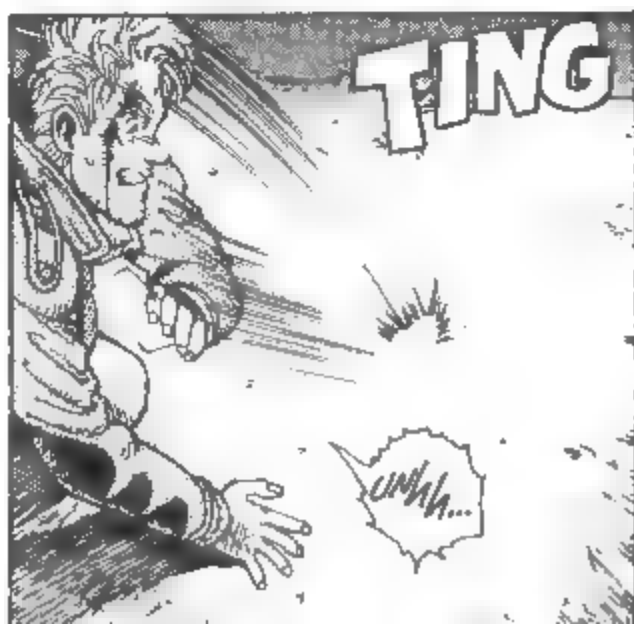
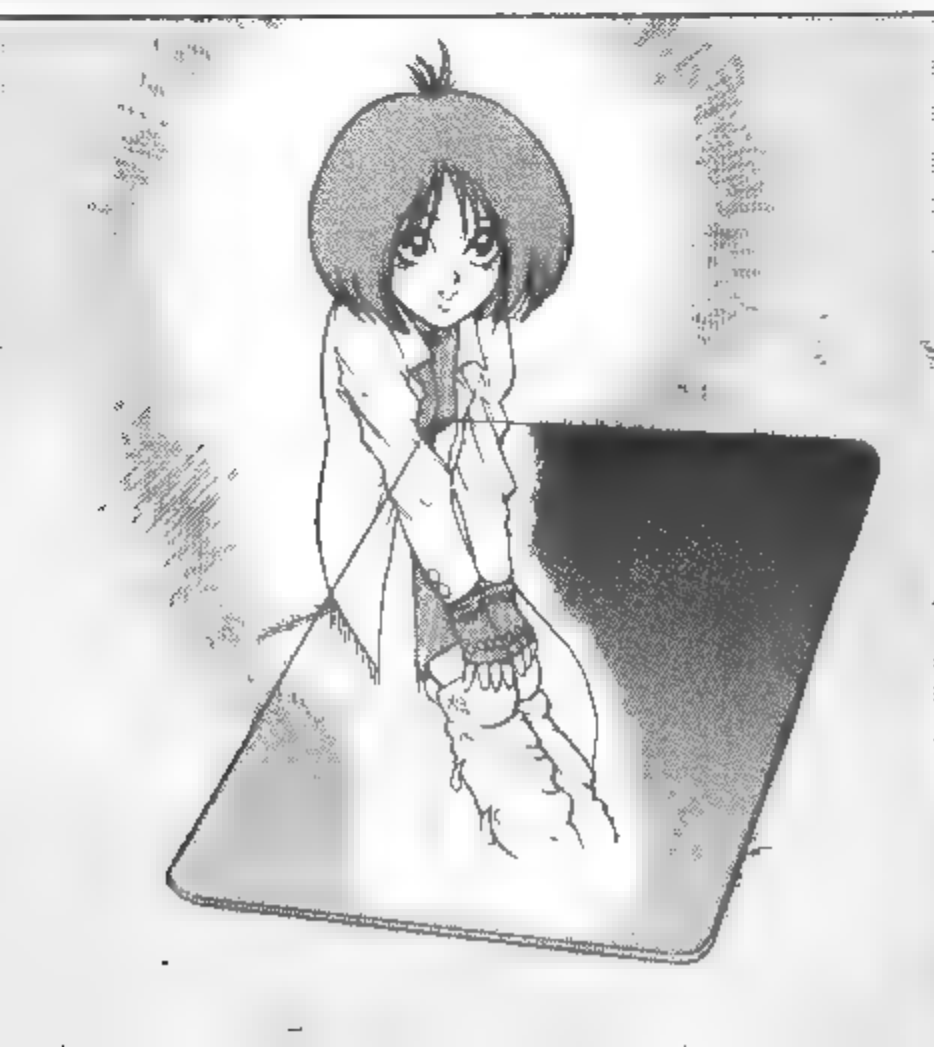
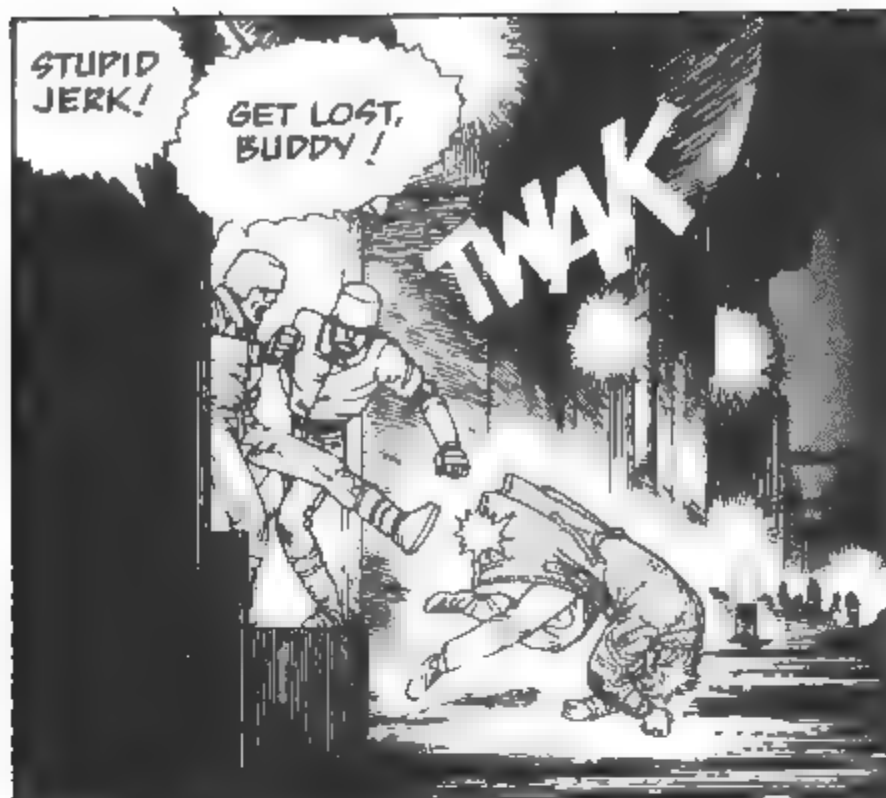
THE BERSERKER
BODY IDO GAVE
ME SLEEPS
DEEP INSIDE A
WAREHOUSE

DREAMING
OF IDO'S
LOVE FOR ME
AND MY LOVE
FOR HUGO



BUT I
HAVE
ONLY ONE
DREAM
NOW

...TO
BECOME
A RAZOR'S
EDGE OF
PUREST
STEEL
!





A-LITA'S CHANGED..
SHE'S IN ANOTHER
WORLD NOW.

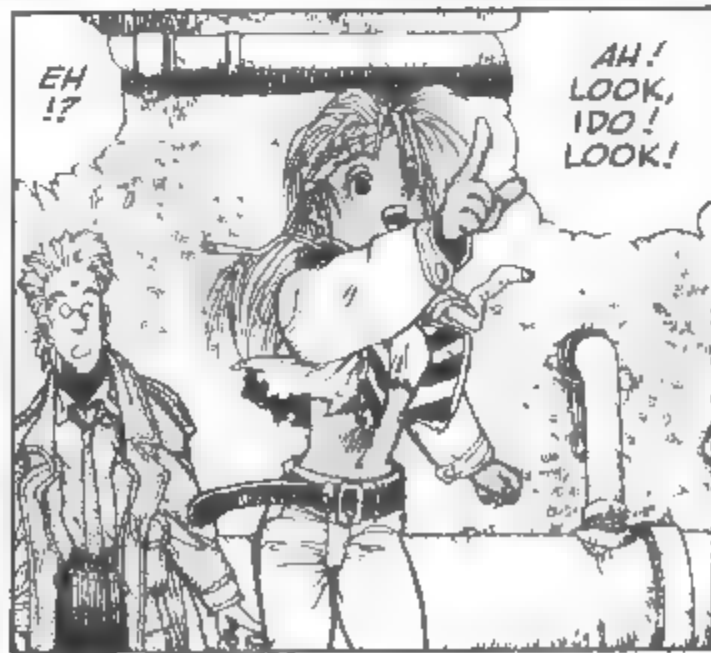
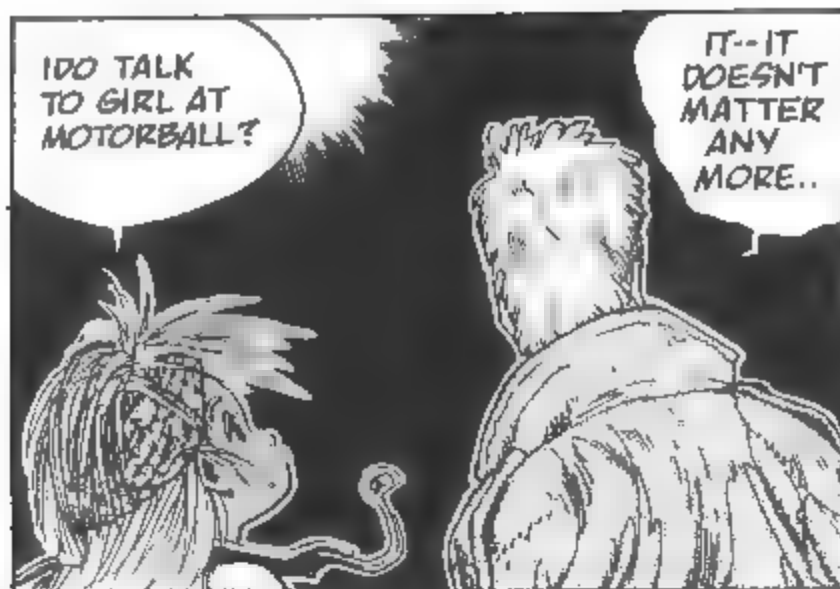


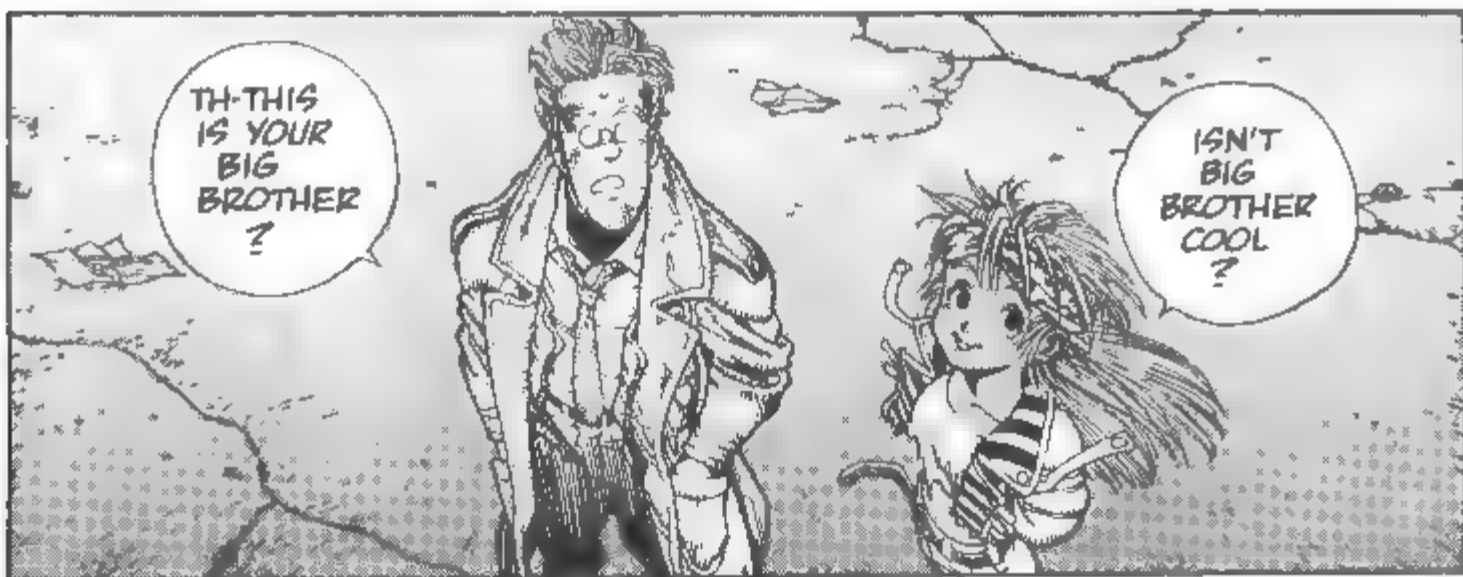
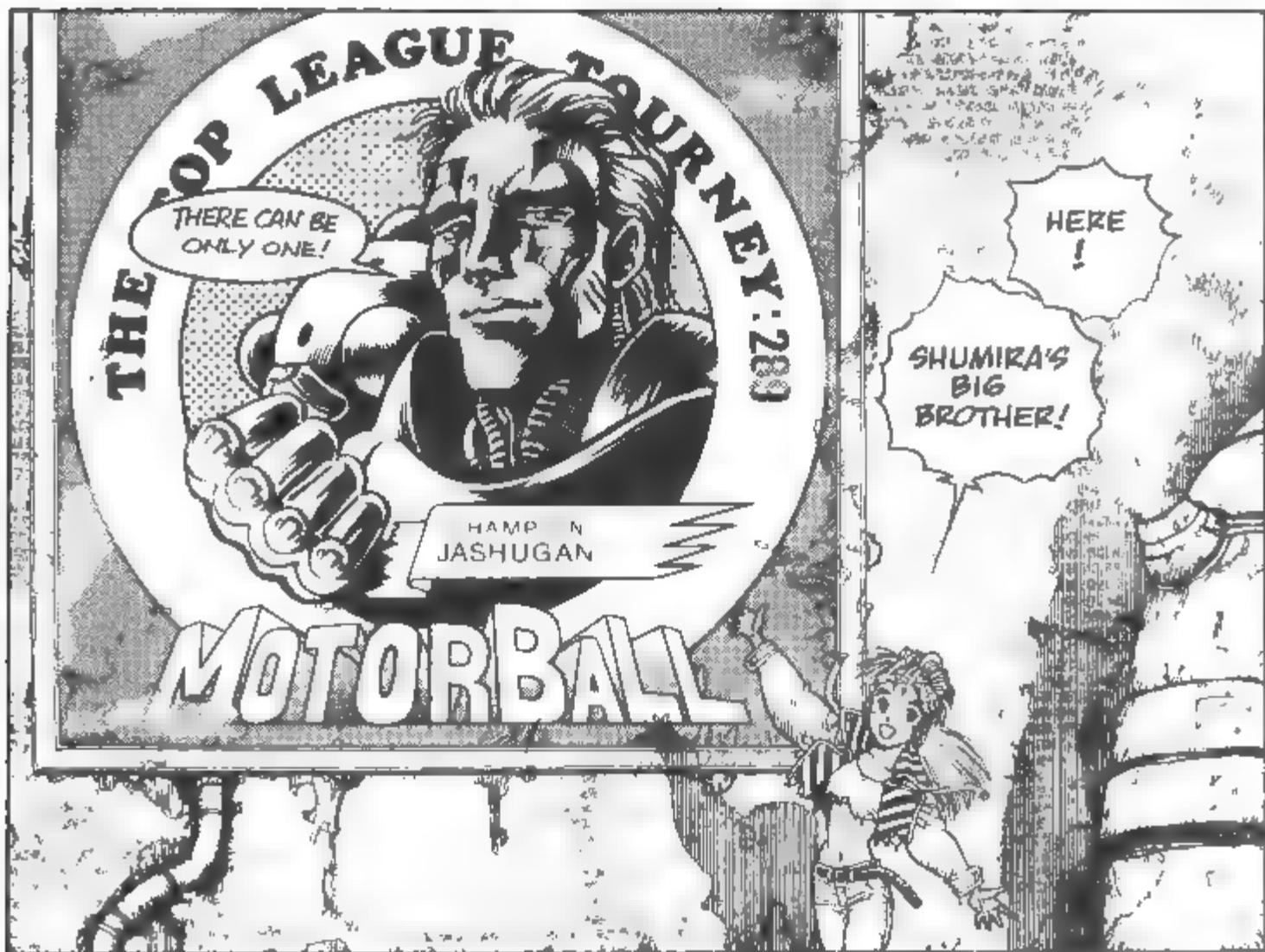
IDO
!

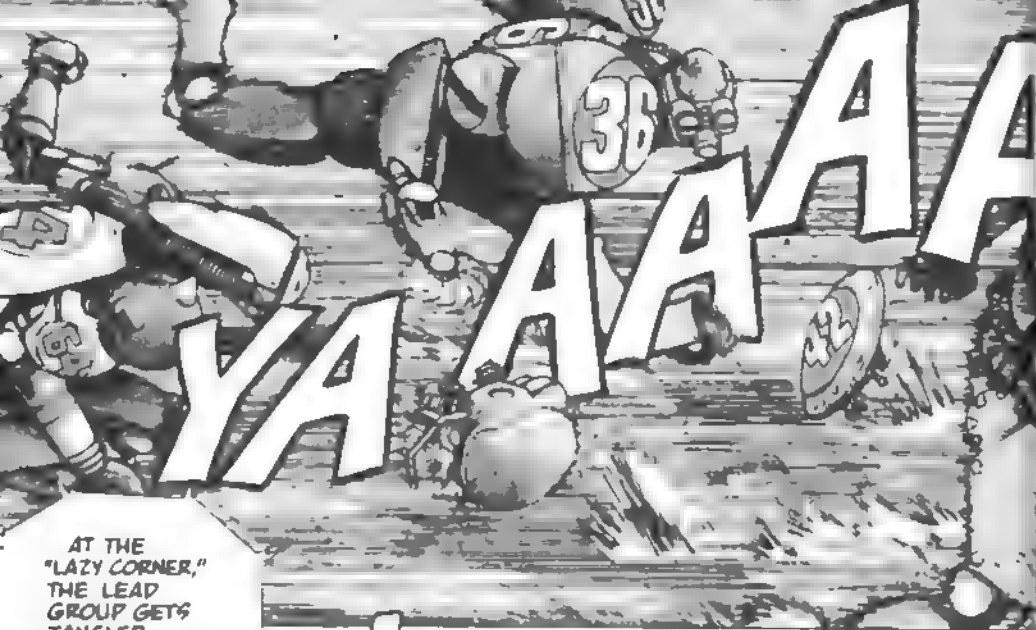


SHUMIRA

IDO
BLEEDING!
IS IDO
OKAY?







AT THE
"LAZY CORNER,"
THE LEAD
GROUP GETS
TANGLED
AND WIPES
OUT!

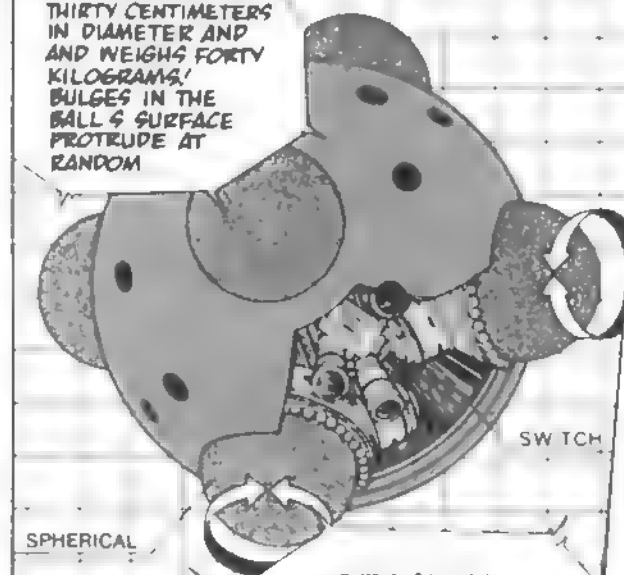


THE MOTORBALL
IS FREE, BUT
NONE OF THE
FOLLOWING
PLAYERS
CAN GET A
HOLD ON IT!

WITH THE
BALL
REBOUNDBING
UNPREDICTABLY,
IT'S ALL THEY
CAN DO TO
AVOID THE
LEAD GROUP'S
CRASH AND
NEGOTIATE
THE
CORNER!



THE MOTORBALL IS
THIRTY CENTIMETERS
IN DIAMETER AND
AND WEIGHS FORTY
KILOGRAMS!
BULGES IN THE
BALL'S SURFACE
PROTRUDE AT
RANDOM



BUT A SWITCH
INSIDE THE GRIP HOLES
CAN MOMENTARILY
SHUT DOWN THE INTER-
NAL MOTOR TO ROTATE
THE BULGES WITHOUT
GRASPING IT BY THE
HOLES PROPERLY, THE
BALL IS IMPOSSIBLE
TO HOLD FOR LONG!

BUT WAIT!
SOMEONE
JUST SNATCHED
THE BALL
AWAY--RACING
LIKE A BLACK
WIND!



A black and white manga-style illustration of Alita. She is shown from the chest up, wearing her iconic helmet and a dark, form-fitting suit. Her right arm is raised, with her hand open, palm facing forward. Her left arm is extended forward, holding a long, thin, metallic object that resembles a sword or a specialized weapon. The background consists of horizontal lines, suggesting speed or a futuristic environment. The overall style is detailed and expressive, typical of manga art.

ONCE
AGAIN, IT'S
NUMBER 99--
ALITA! WILL
THIS BE HER
FIFTH
CONSECUTIVE
VICTORY
!?

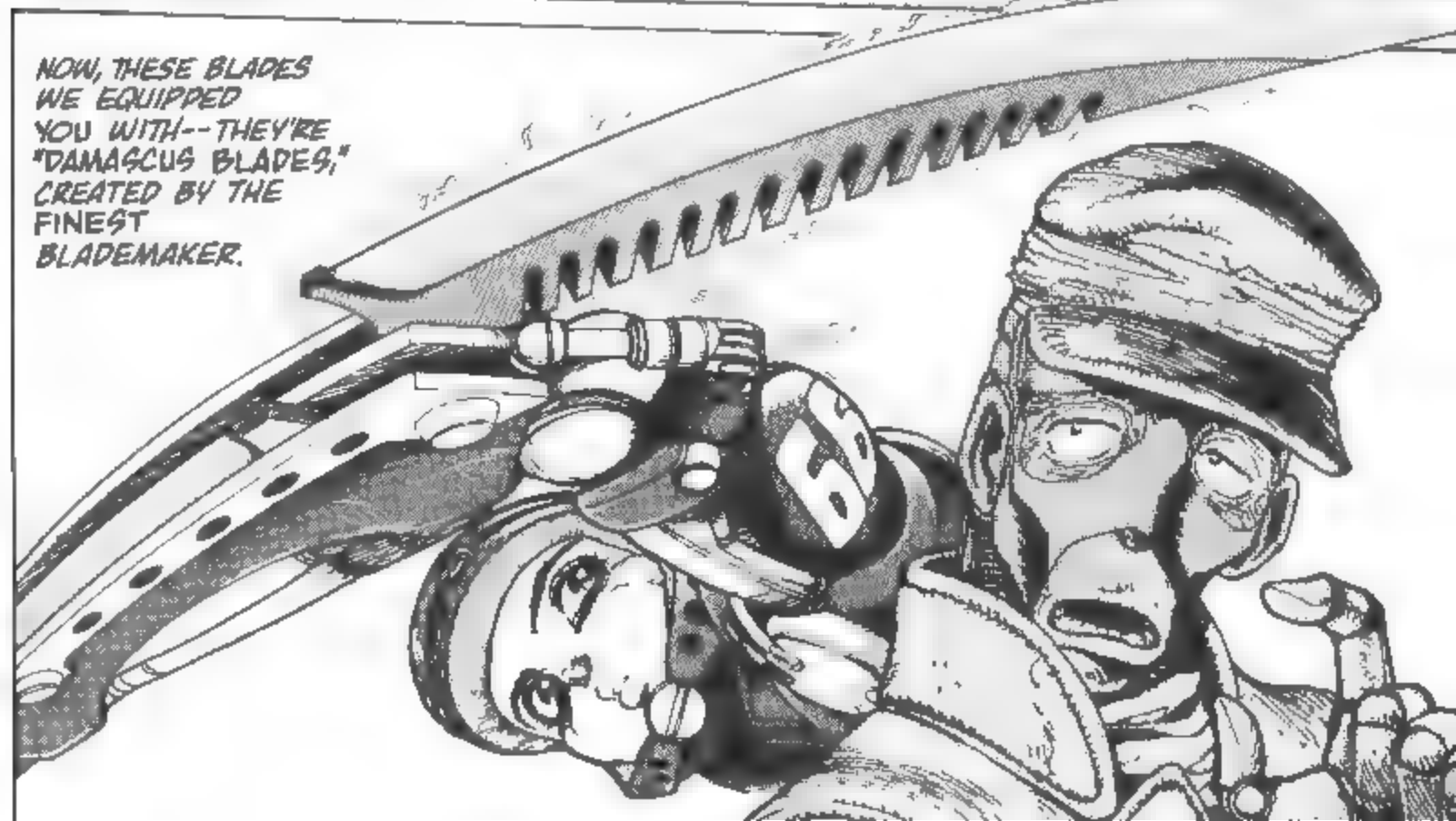
" TO
BECOME A
RAZOR'S
EDGE OF
PUREST
STEEL!"

A black and white close-up illustration of a man's face. He is wearing a cap and a jacket. His expression is serious and somewhat weary. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows. The background is dark and indistinct.

...STEEL OF
HIGH PURITY IS
NECESSARY



NOW, THESE BLADES
WE EQUIPPED
YOU WITH--THEY'RE
"DAMASCUS BLADES,"
CREATED BY THE
FINEST
BLADEMAKER.



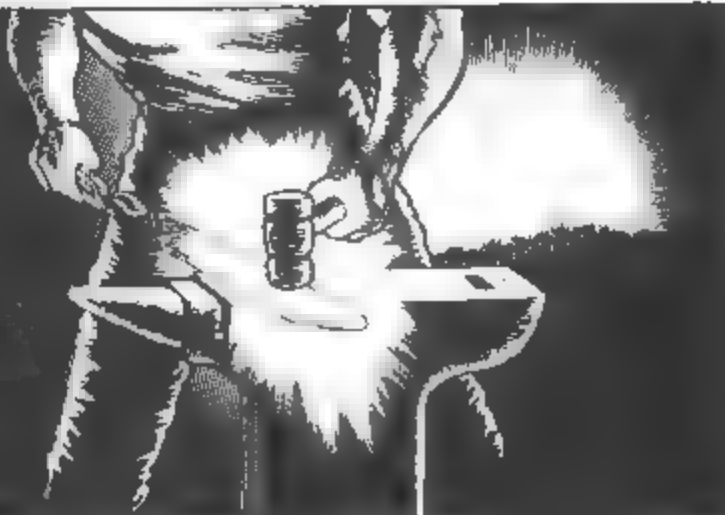
THERE'S A
REMARKABLE
PATTERN TO
THE SURFACE...

...CAUSED BY
THE MIXING OF
VARIOUS METALS
OF DIFFERENT
HARDNESS.

TO THINK
THESE BLADES
WERE MADE
USING SCRAP
METAL...

THE STRONGEST
STEEL IN ALL THE
UNIVERSE. AND
IT CAN ONLY BE
MADE HERE--IN
THE SCRAPYARD.

THE IMPURITIES
GIVE LIFE TO THE
STEEL, RESULTING
IN FLEXIBILITY
AND TENACITY--
THE STRENGTHS
OF THE
DAMASCUS
BLADE.



SHHHASH

AND AT THE
FINAL CORNER. NUMBER
62, "ARMOR TOGO,"
TURNS, BRAKES, AND
ASSUMES THE "DRAGON-
FLY STANCE"! WE'RE
ABOUT TO WITNESS THE
THIRD LEAGUE CHAMPION'S
DEADLIEST TECHNIQUE!

I
CAN
DO IT
!

LITA

CAN YOU
MATCH THE
LIGHTNING
THRUST
OF THE JIGEN
SCHOOL?!

VAAAAA!

SKREEE

KREEE

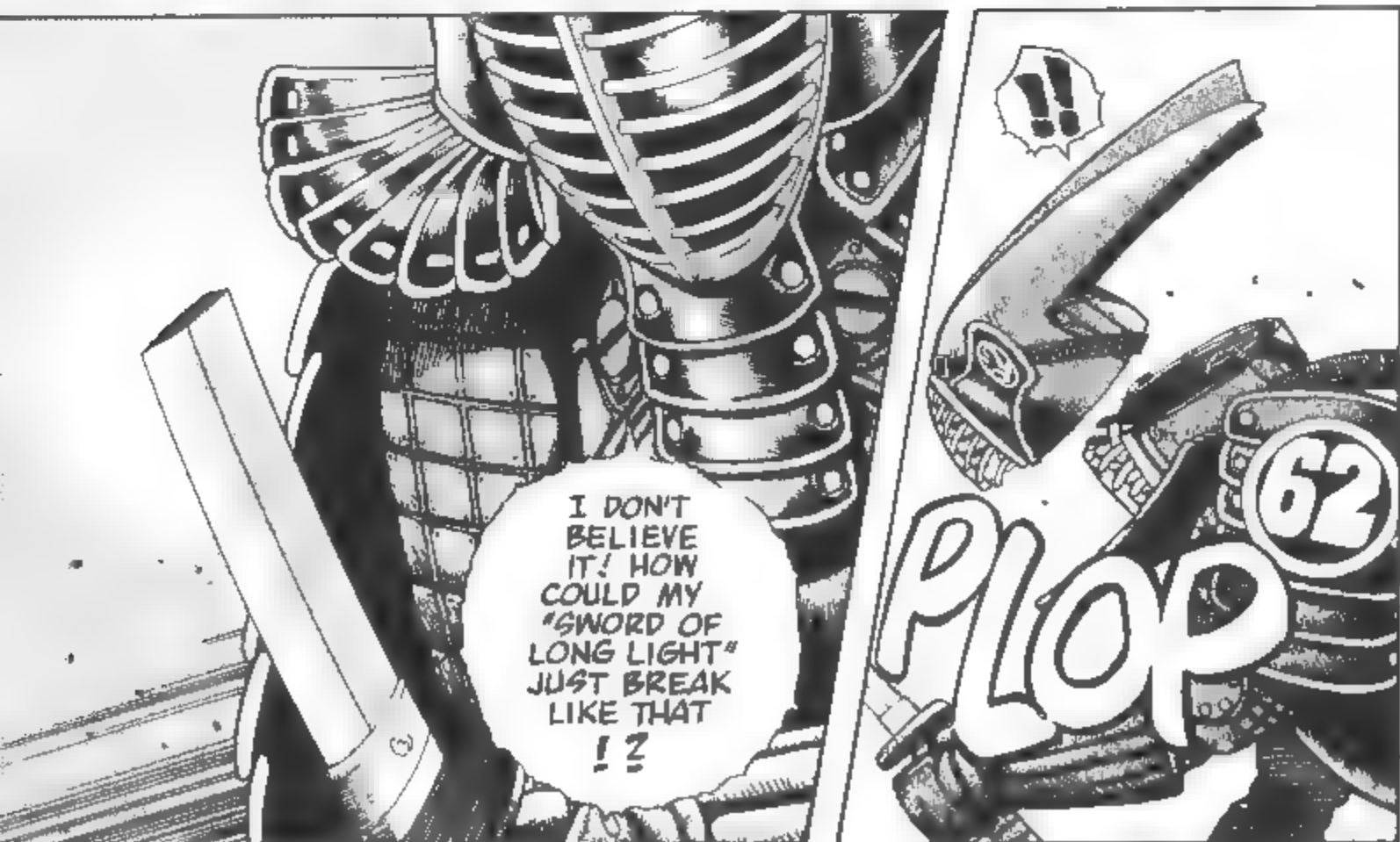
SKASH

TANG



OHH!
JUST LOOK
AT THOSE
FIREWORKS!

BUT WHO
IS THE
VICTOR
!?



I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT! HOW
COULD MY
"SWORD OF
LONG LIGHT"
JUST BREAK
LIKE THAT
!?

KABONK

TOGO'S HEAD
HAS FALLEN! THE
CHAMP HAS BEEN
DEFEATED! THE
WINNER IS NUM-
BER 99--ALITA!

SKREECH

SKIK IK IK IK

"THE
IMPURITIES
GIVE LIFE
TO THE
STEEL..."



KING OF KINGS

Page 2: New Alliances







BUT
ISN'T YOUR
BROTHER
SICK?
YOU
SAID..

SHUMIRA
WORRIED,
TOO.

BUT BIG
BROTHER IS
IS
CHAMPION!
CAN'T
LOSE!



JASHUGAN, THE
CHAMPION OF THE
TOP LEAGUE... THE
MOST POWERFUL
MAN IN THE
WORLD OF
MOTORBALL.

THERE CAN BE
ONLY ONE!

I'VE BEEN
STAYING AT
HIS SISTER'S
APARTMENT
FOR A WEEK
ALREADY, BUT
I STILL
HAVEN'T
MET HIM.



YAY!
HOORAY!

MOTORBALL
TOP LEAGUE

GALVANI CIRCUIT

JASHUGAN!

CERTAIN
VICTORY



HOORAY!

LOOKS
LIKE
STANDING
ROOM
ONLY...

WHEN
JASHUGAN'S
IN THE RING,
IT'S ALWAYS
SOLD OUT. EVEN
THE MONITORS
WE'LL HAVE TO
WATCH FROM
OUTSIDE.

REMINDS
ME OF THE
DAYS WHEN I
WAS IN THE
GAME

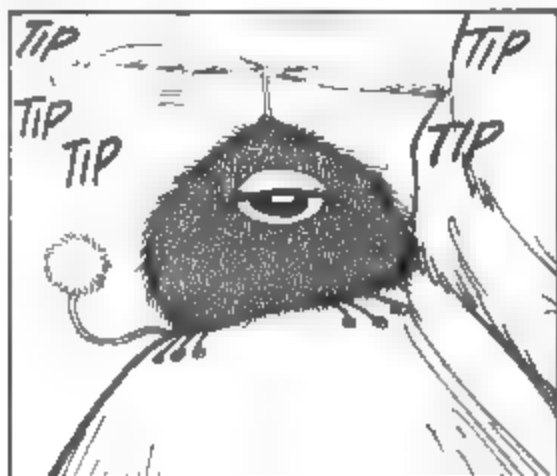
YEA!
GO!



YOU'RE
ABOUT TO MAKE
THE JUMP TO
THE SECOND
LEAGUE, BUT
STUDY THE TOP
FIGHTS VERY
CAREFULLY,
ALITA...

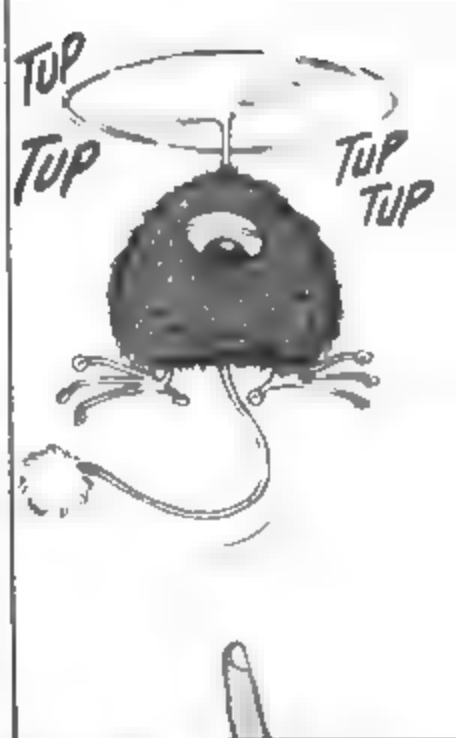
...SOMEDAY
YOU'LL MAKE THE
CHALLENGE
YOURSELF.

.....



OH!
KIMJI!

SHWEE
E





BECAUSE OF THE CHAMPION'S INCREDIBLE SKILL, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE REASONABLE WAGERS IF HE PLAYS BY THE ORDINARY RULES.

THAT IS WHY THE CHAMPION MUST HANDICAP HIMSELF BY REMOVING HIS RIGHT ARM--AND FACE A THREE-MAN CHALLENGER TEAM!

AND THE CROWD GOES WILD...

...AS JASHUGAN, KING OF MOTORBALL, MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE ON THE CIRCUIT IN A MONTH!

THE CHALLENGING TEAM IS NUMBER 49, CLAYMORE, RANKED FIFTH..

...NUMBER 87, PIHAGETTA, RANKED SEVENTH...

...AND NUMBER 6, KARASHNIKOFF, RANKED THIRD. ALL THREE ARE SUPERIOR TOP-BALLERS!

YOU MEAN HE TAKES ON THREE CHALLENGERS AT ONCE.. AND WITH ONLY ONE ARM!?

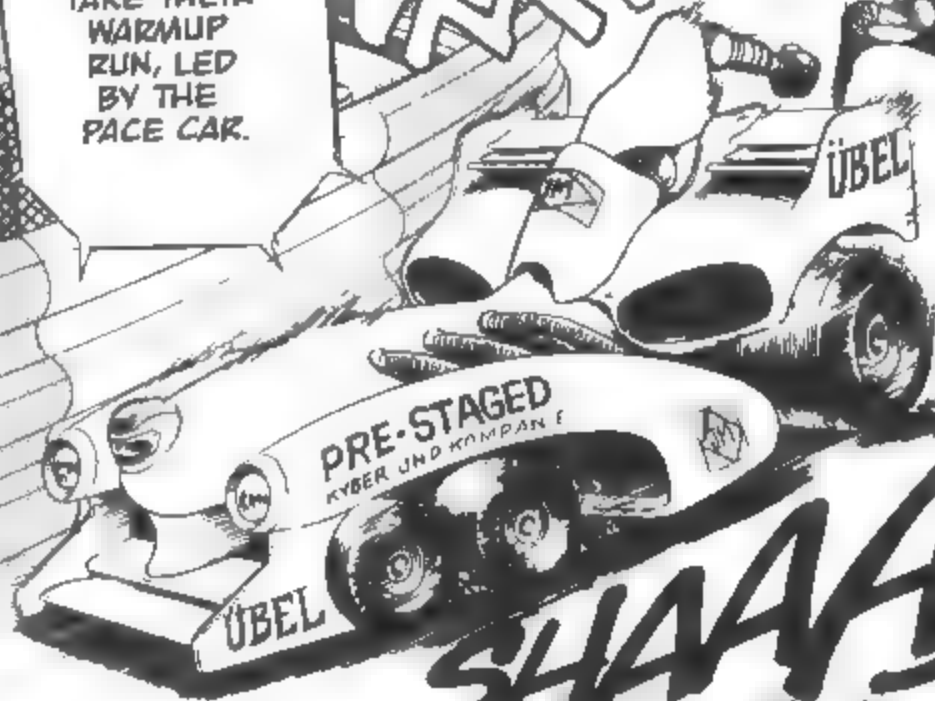
TYPICAL OF HIM.

THIS IS INSANE!

WIN, BIG BROTHER! FOR SURE!

THE
PLAYERS
TAKE THEIR
WARMUP
RUN, LED
BY THE
PACE CAR.

VRRRRM



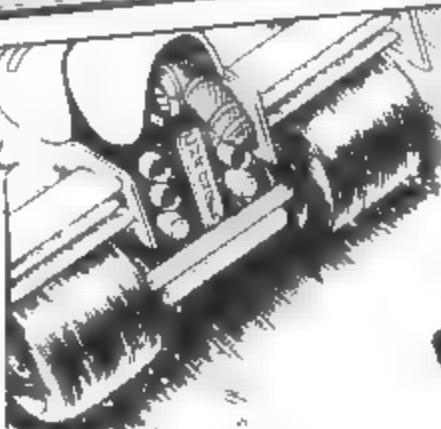
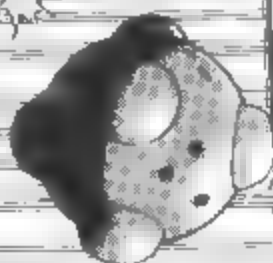
SHAAASH!

RRROAR



THE
MOTORBALL
HAS BEEN
DROPPED
FROM THE
PACE CAR!

Toik



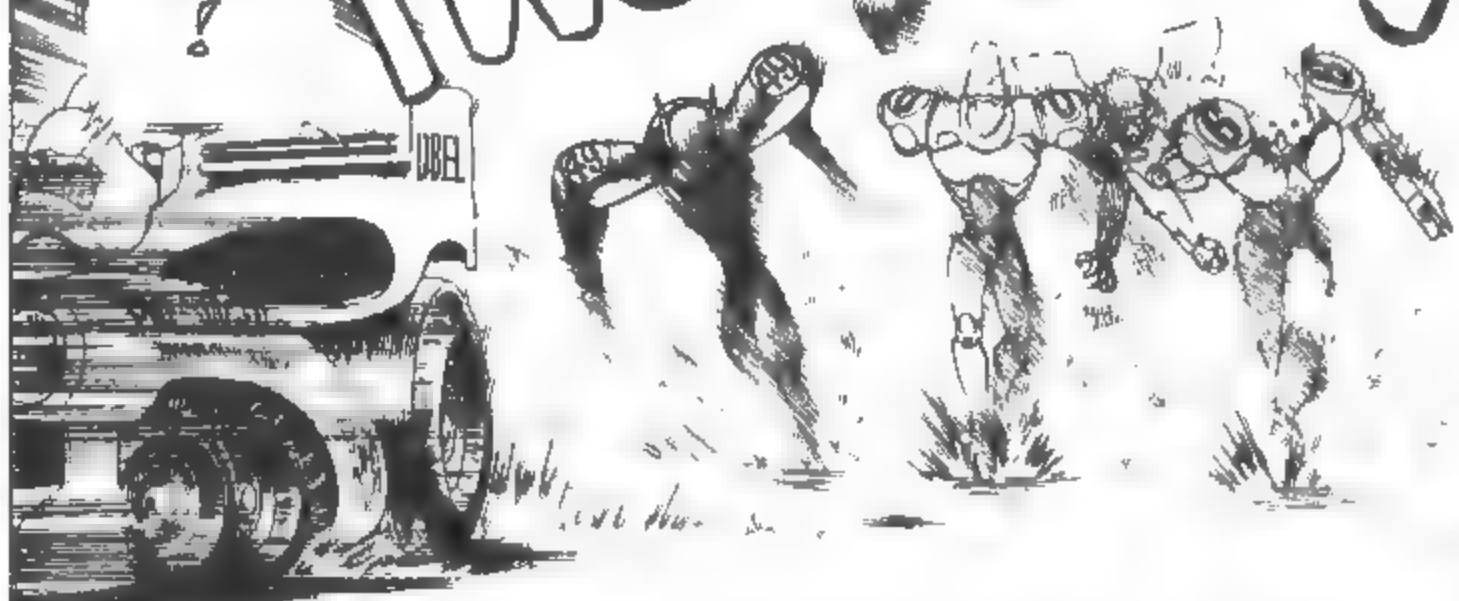
BASH



KAKASH

THE
GAME
BEGINS
!

FWOOOM



WHO WILL
BE THE
FIRST TO
CATCH
THE
MOTORB--

WHA-
!?



KWUD



THE CHALLENGING TEAM'S SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS FROM THREE DIRECTIONS AMOUNT TO NOTHING IN THE FACE OF THE KING'S SUPERHUMAN RUNNING!

HOORAY

THE CHAMP HAS ALREADY LEFT THE PACK BEHIND!

RECENTLY THE CHAMP HAS PARTICIPATED IN FEWER AND FEWER RACES, LEADING SOME FANS TO SPECULATE THAT HE HAD RETIRED OR EVEN DIED...

FAS

ASH

...BUT THIS SPLENDID RUNNING HAS BLOWN AWAY SUCH WORRIES! THE KING IS ALIVE AND WELL!

THERE'S NO DOUBT HE'S FAST...

YAY!

YAY!

...BUT IF IT'S SIMPLY A MATTER OF DODGING--I CAN DO THAT MYSELF!

HEH, HEH... YOU'LL SEE HOW AWESOME HE REALLY IS WHEN HE USES HIS "MACHINE FIST."

MACHINE FIST...?

THAT'S THE REASON HE'S UNBEATEN.

BUT HE DOES SEEM TO BE HURRYING TO WIN THIS ONE. WHAT'S HE THINKING...?



JASHUGAN HAS DROPPED THE BALL! COULD THE CHAMP BE HAVING MECHANICAL PROBLEMS!?

THE CHALLENGING TEAM HAS CAUGHT UP AND RECOVERED THE MOTORBALL...

SHASSH!

SHASSH!

... BUT THE CHALLENGERS FOREGO THE ATTACK, PASSING THE CHAMPION BY!

THE CHAMPION STILL HASN'T RISEN TO HIS FEET!

OOOH!

BIG BROTHER!

TALK ABOUT AN UPSET!

JASHUGAN IS HEADING INTO THE PIT AREA! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIM!?

YAAAAH!

WAIT! THE CHAMPION IS UP-- BUT HE'S STAGGERING, DAZED!

SKSKSKT
YAAAAHH!

JASHUGAN CRUMBLES INTO THE PIT! WILL HE BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE RACE!? IF HE DOESN'T RETURN TO THE TRACK IN TEN MINUTES, THE CHAMP IS DISQUALIFIED--AND THE CHALLENGING TEAM WILL WIN!

COME ON, SHUMIRA-- LET'S GO SAVE YOUR BROTHER!

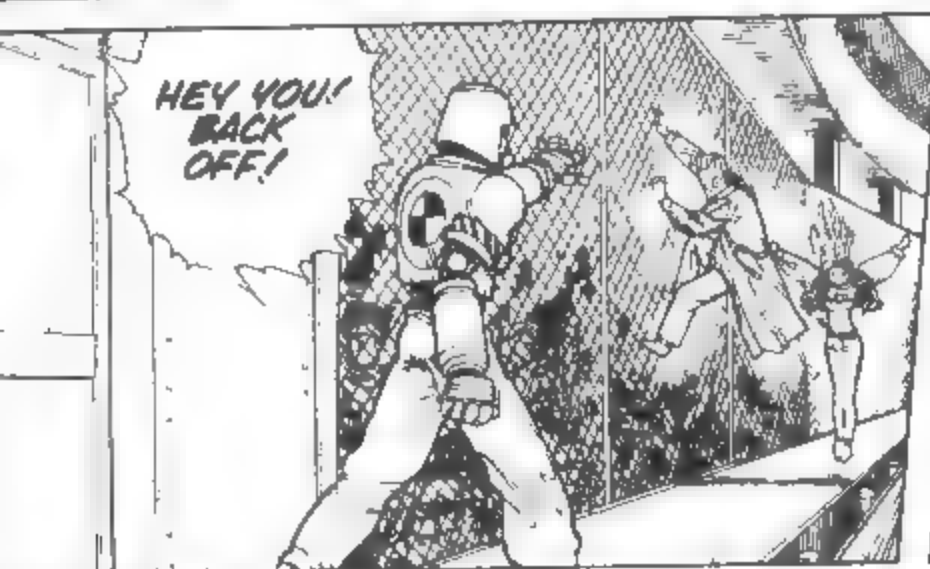
CHANG
UH-HUH!



OH M-MAN, HOW RECKLESS CAN YOU GET, THAT FOOL...

I-DOO!

HEY YOU! BACK OFF!

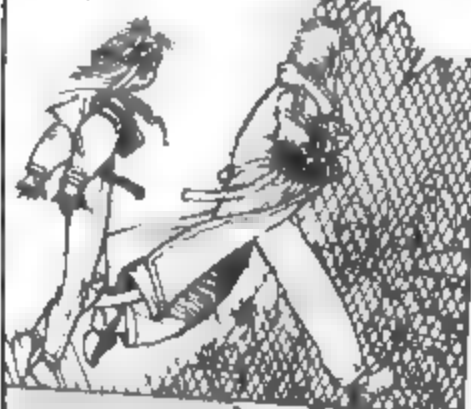


FUUMP



AAAAH!

THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE
ARENA, AND THE EXCITED
FANS ARE STARTING TO
CLIMB OVER THE
FENCE--A DANGEROUS
SITUATION INDEED!



YAY!

ELECTRIFY
THE
FENCE!

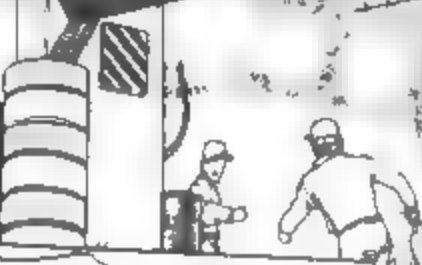
ZZT

STAY THE HELL
OFF THE TRACK,
FOLKS!

YOU WANT TO
DIE SO MUCH, YOU
DAMNED SWINES!



PIT IN
HACHUGAN



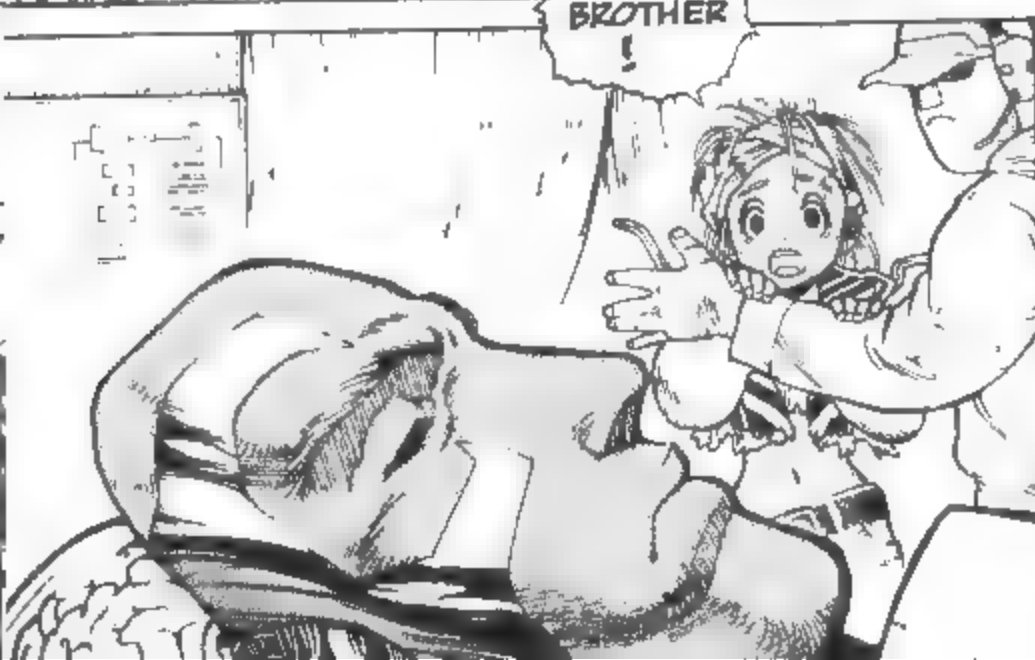
SHUMIRA!
WHO IS
THAT
MAN!?

BRAIN
GEARS

IDO
HAS MARK
OF
DOCTOR!
SEE!?

CALL
SECURITY
!





I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF SOMEONE HAVING A FLATLINE ATTACK...

...WHAT'S THE CAUSE? DRUGS? SOME EXTERNAL WOUND? METABOLIC POISONING?

HE'S HAD CEREBRAL RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY. THE NEW SUPERHUMAN ABILITY OF HIS COMBAT BRAIN MADE HIM MOTOR-BALL CHAMPION-- BUT THE PRICE HE PAID WAS THE CONSTANT RISK OF DEATH.

BRAIN RECONSTRUCTION !?

HMM...

THEY'VE STRENGTHENED HIS NEURONS WITH ARTIFICIAL PROTEINS... THE COLUMN STRUCTURE OF THE CEREBRAL CORTEX HAS EVEN BEEN REBUILT....!

THIS IS TIPHAREAN TECHNOLOGY CALLED GEHIRN UMBRAO! THEY MUST HAVE USED MOLECULAR-SIZED ROBOTS... NANO-MACHINES!

SOMEONE IN THE SCRAPYARD HAS THIS LEVEL OF SKILL!?

AND THE PIT CREW RECOGNIZED THE MARK OF A TIPHARES CITIZEN ON MY FOREHEAD... CAN IT BE...!?



OKAY, THIS IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE ROUGH, BUT I WANT YOU TO STIMULATE HIS ACETYL-CHOLINE* PRODUCTION WITH ELECTRODES!

AT THE SAME TIME I WANT A DRIP SOLUTION OF GLUTAMIN ACIDS MIXED WITH PEPTIDES!

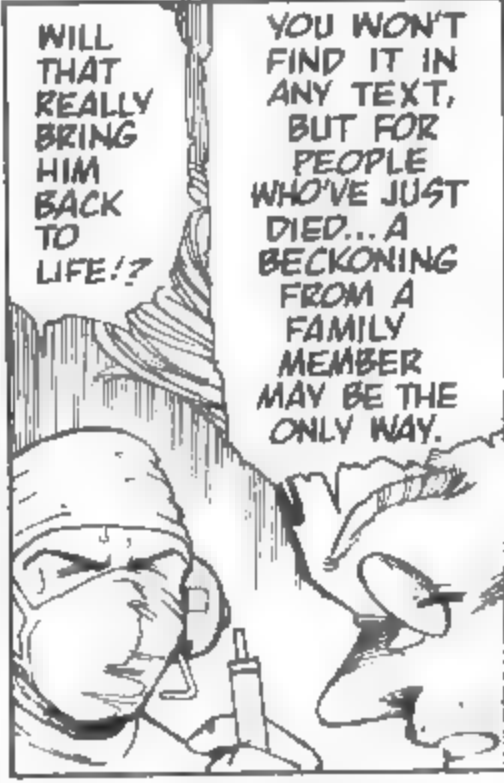
AND SEND SHUMIRA OVER HERE!



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, DOCTOR?

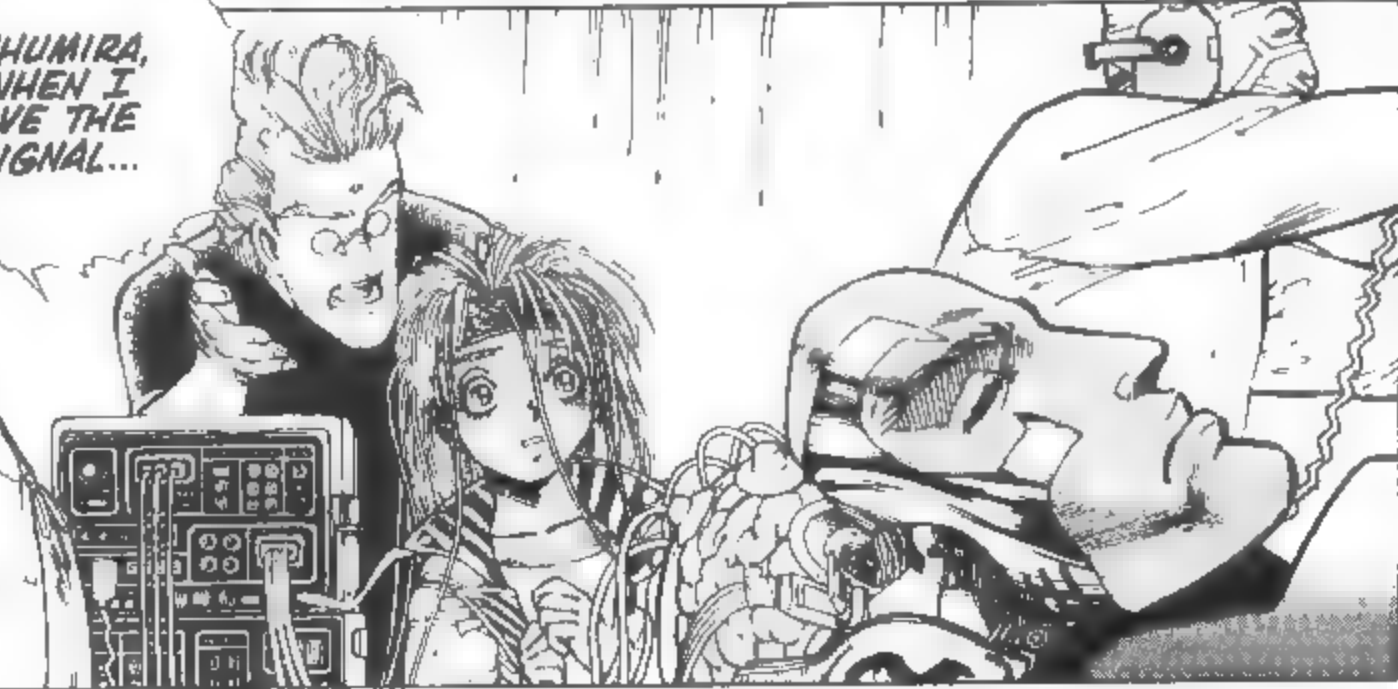
I'M GOING TO PUT SHUMIRA'S BRAIN WAVE PATTERNS THROUGH THE AMP--

"SHOCK" JASHUGAN'S BRAIN!



WILL THAT REALLY BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE!?

YOU WON'T FIND IT IN ANY TEXT, BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO'VE JUST DIED... A BECKONING FROM A FAMILY MEMBER MAY BE THE ONLY WAY.



SHUMIRA, WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL...

*THE HORMONE ACETYLCHOLINE IS RELEASED AND HYDROLYZED DURING NERVE CONDUCTION, CAUSING MUSCLE ACTION BY TRANSMITTING NERVE IMPULSES ACROSS SYNAPSES

...PRAY HARD!
PRAY THAT
YOUR BROTHER
WILL COME
BACK TO YOU
!

READY!
!



GAH HA HA!
THE ONE WITH
THE BALLS THE
NEXT CHAMP!

GIVE
IT
TO
ME!

DAMN YOU,
KARASHNIKOFF
?

HA.





HA, HA,
HA, HA,
HA, HA...
BEHOLD
THE
CHAMPION
OF
MOTOR-
BALL--

--NOW
AND
FOREVER
!

JASHUGAN
HAS RETURNED!
THE CHAMPION
HAS MADE A
COMPLETE
COMEBACK...
AND THE CROWD
GOES WILD!

BOOSH

PHEW...
I WAS
WORRIED
THERE...

KASH KASH

WAA
AAH!

THE EMPEROR
INSTANTLY
ANNIHILATES
TWO OF HIS
OPPONENTS
AND BEARS
DOWN ON THE
BALLKEEPER,
NO. 6...
KARASHNIKOFF!

PLEASE,
GOD..

OKAY,
CHAMP!
I'LL
TAKE
YOU
ON!

SKANG

SKASH

THIS
BALL
IS
MINE--
!

ZMM

SH

VE

KA

BASH



MASCHINE
KLATSCH...
MODE 89B
SIDEWINDER...
THIS BALL
IS MINE!

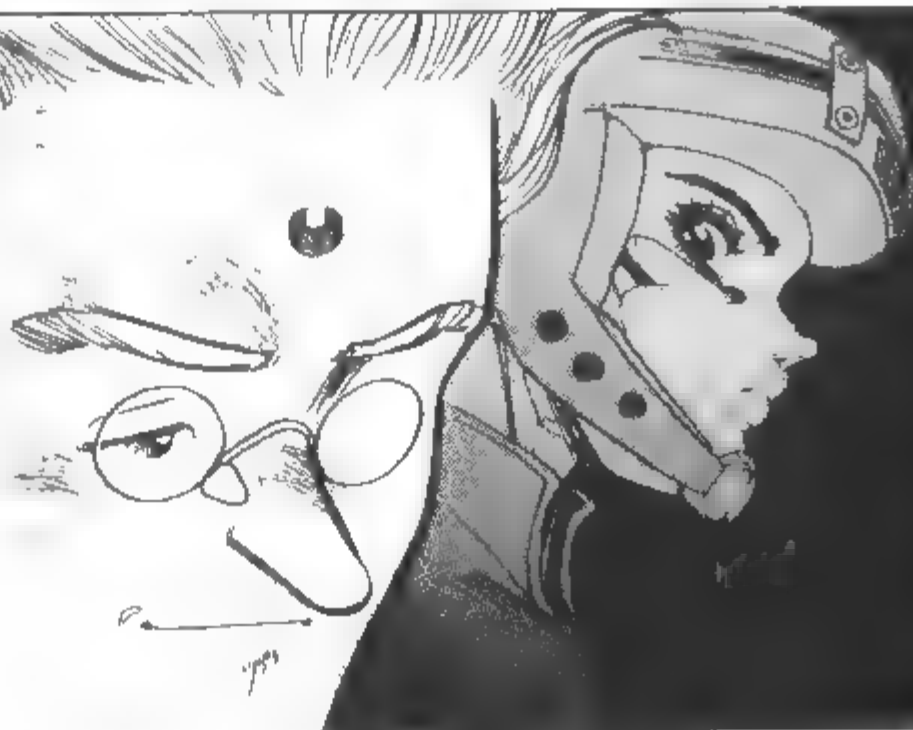
HOORAY!

NO. 6,
KARASHNIKOFF,
IS DAMAGED!
JASHUGAN
REMAINS THE
CHAMP!



HEH,
HEH...
HE'S
GOOD...

...WITH
JASHUGAN
IN MY DEBT,
I CAN CRUSH
ALITA'S PRIDE...
AND MAKE
HER MINE
AGAIN..!



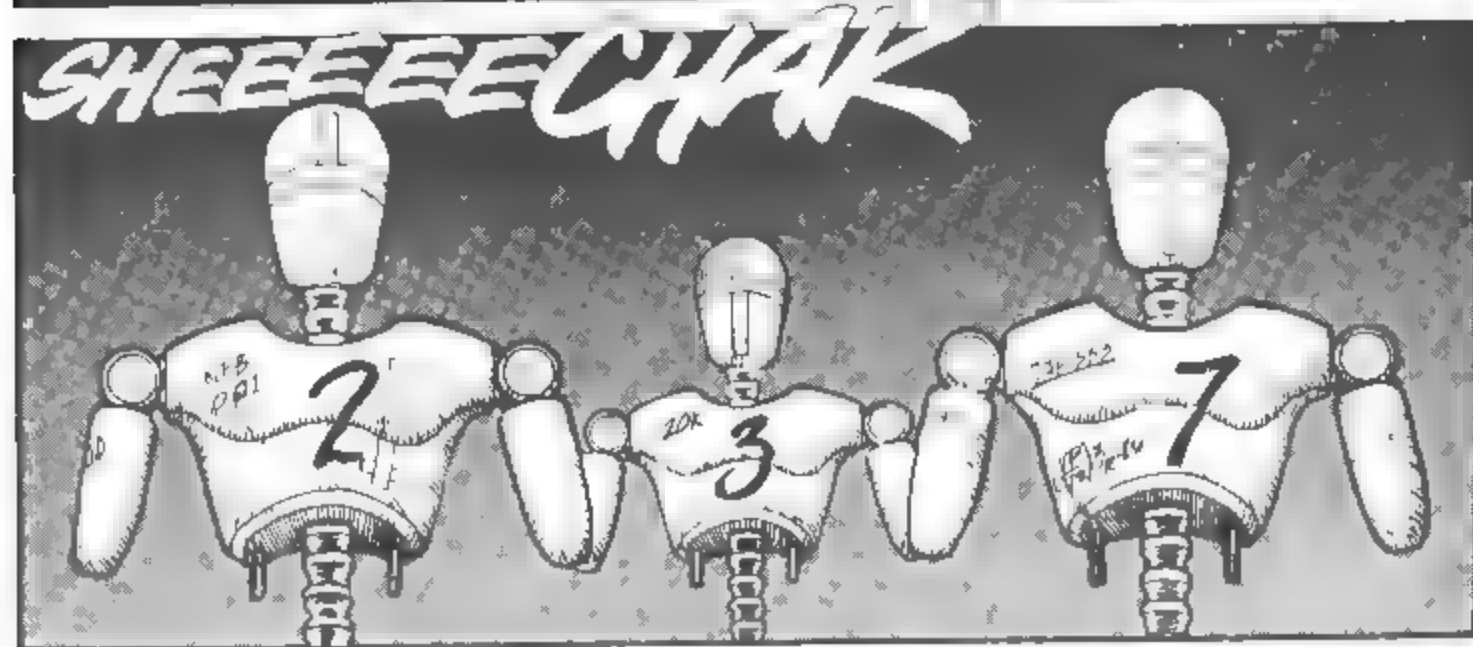
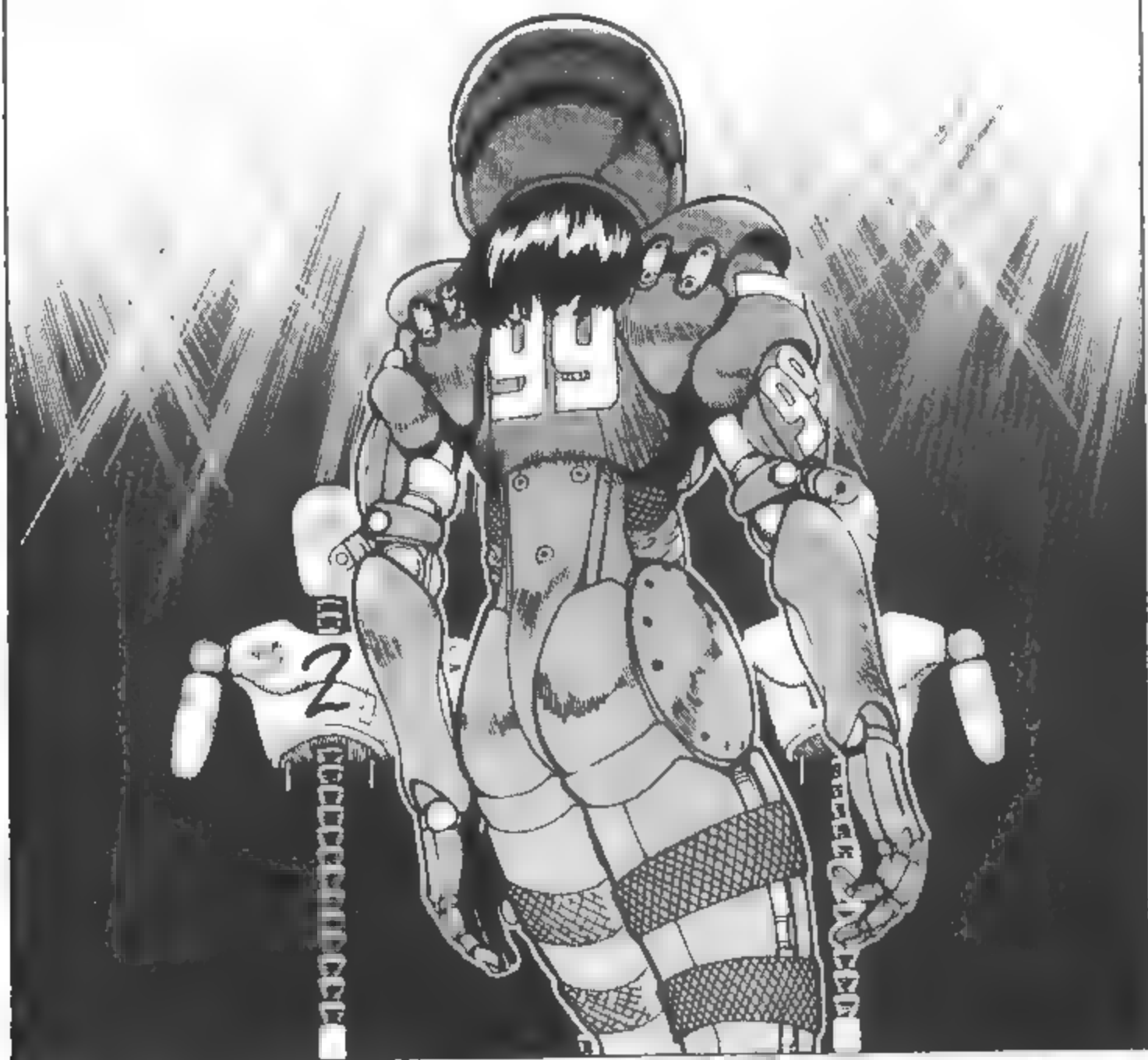




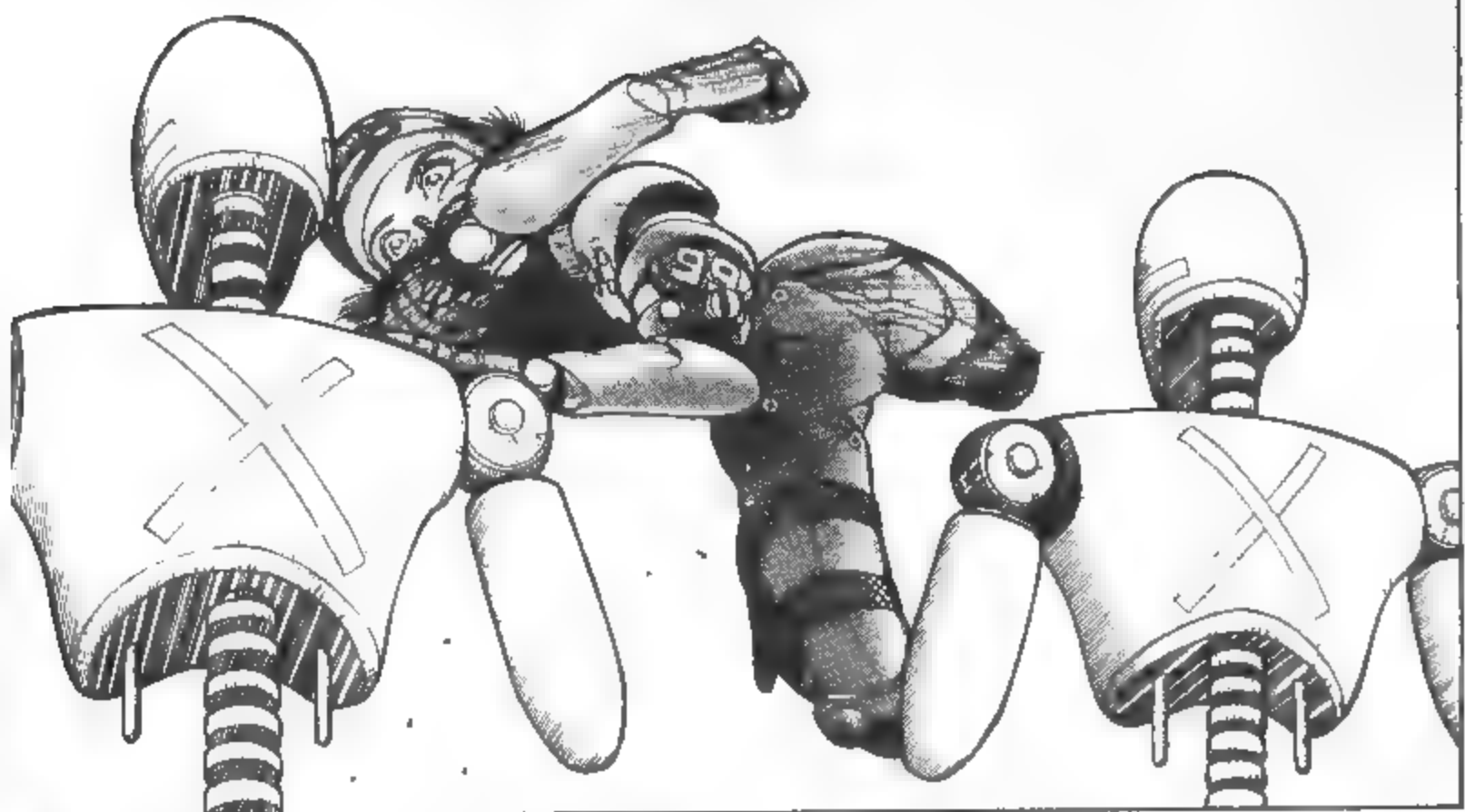
THE SKULL CHALLENGE:

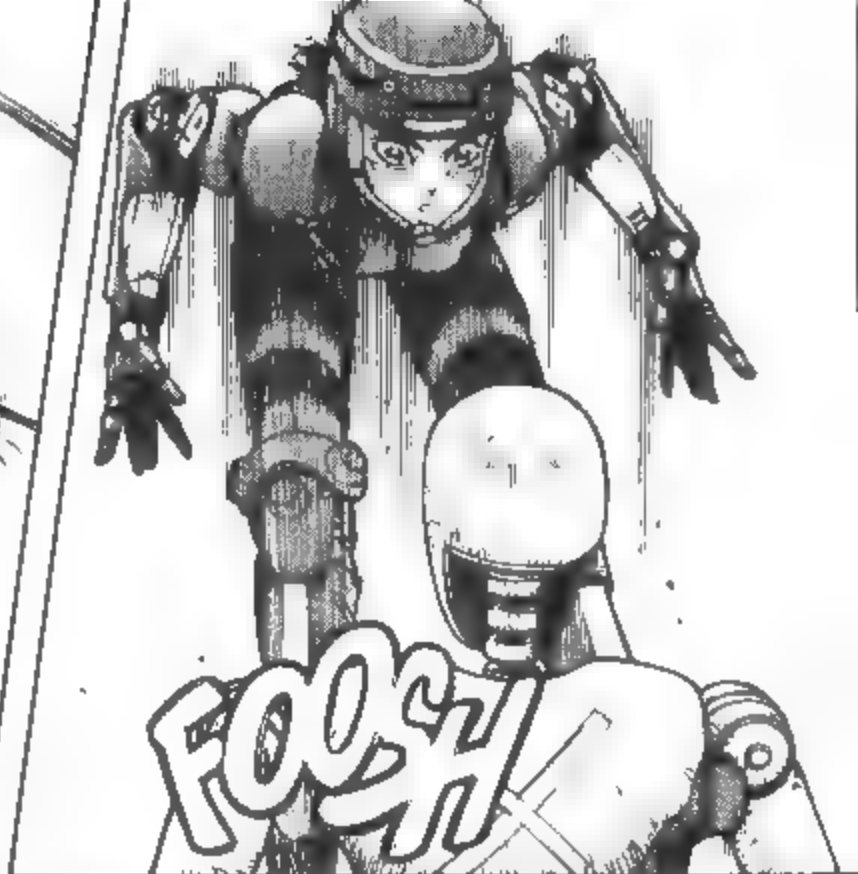
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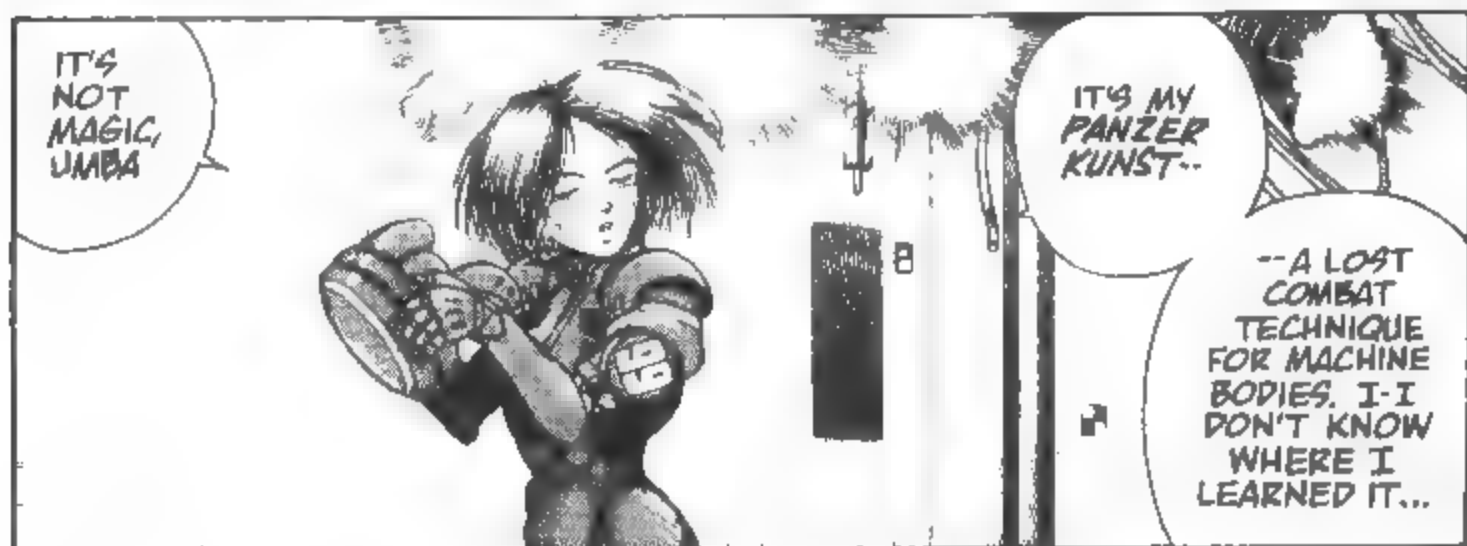
Race 3: Work to Rule











DUMMIES
ONE AND
TWO BOTH
HAD THE
FOURTH
VERTEBRAE
ACCURATELY
DESTROYED

...BUT THE
DAMAGE ON
NO. THREE
IS STRANGE!
THE *INTERNAL*
TEMPERATURE
OF THE DUMMY
IS HIGHER
THAN THE
SURFACE...

MODEL=MOL 3
TIME=7.6482

I USED A
FREQUENCY
BLAST...
SOMETHING
CALLED THE
HERTZA
HAEON..

.. IT'S A STRIKE
THAT'S DONE BY
STORING AND
DELIVERING A
VIBRATION OVER
100 HZ. EVEN AN
OPPONENT WITH
AN ARMORED
SKULL CAN'T
WITHSTAND IT.
THE KINETIC
ENERGY IS
CONCENTRATED
ON THE BRAIN,
DESTROYING IT.

TH-THAT'S
INCREDIBLE,
ALITA!
WHERE DID
YOU LEARN
SUCH A
TECHNIQUE
!?

I'M JUST
NOT SURE,
UMBA...
I'VE NO
MEMORY
OF MY
PAST.

WHEN I'M
ENGROSSED
IN THE
FIGHT
AT THE
CIRCUIT ..

...SOMETIMES,
FOR AN INSTANT,
MY OLD
MEMORIES COME
FLOODING BACK...
BUT I FORGET
IT ALL AGAIN...



EVEN
THE NAME
ALITA...
IT'S NOT
MY
REAL
NAME...



JUST
WHAT
IS...

...THE
REAL
ME?



...I DO GAVE IT
TO ME--ALONG
WITH THE
BERSERKER
BODY THEY'VE
GOT IN STORAGE.
NO MATTER WHAT
FORM I WEAR--
IT'S ME, BUT
IT'S NOT ME..
NOTHING BUT
TOOLS.



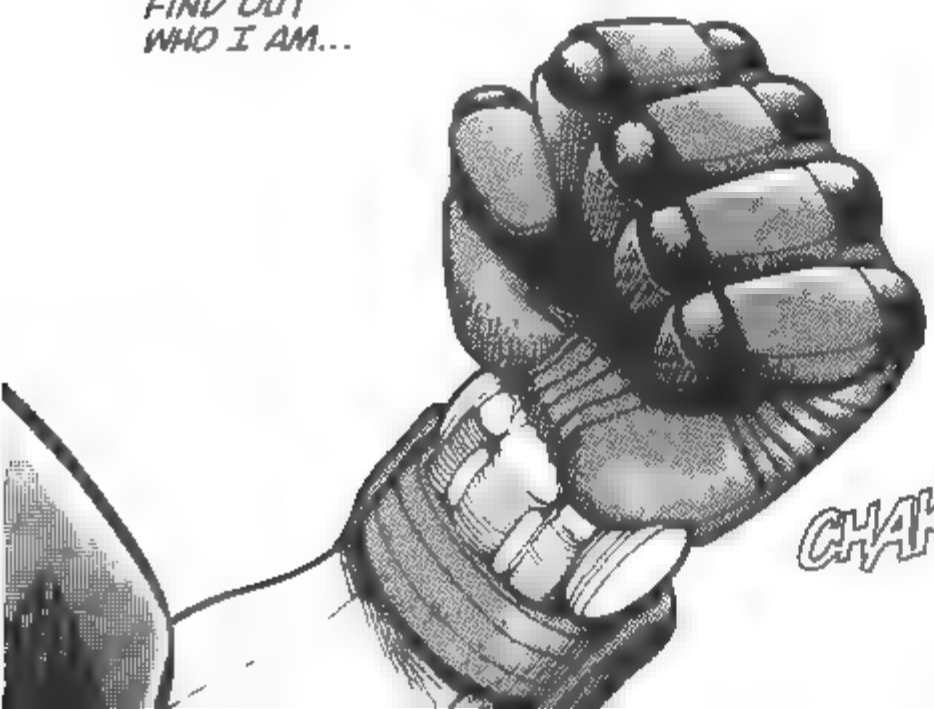
WHO IS IT
THAT LOOKS
THROUGH
THESE
EYES?

WHO IS THIS
PERSON WITH A
HEART SO EASILY
WOUNDED...
A MIND SO
HAUGHTY... SO
AFRAID... AND
SO CRUEL...?

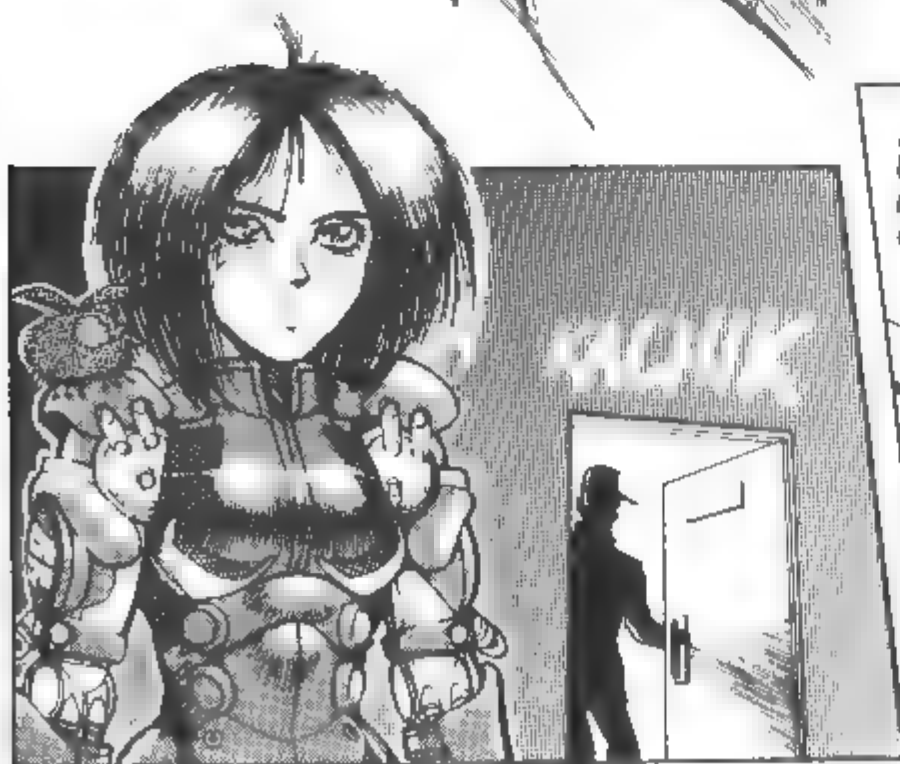
I'VE GOT TO
KNOW.. AND
THE ONLY LEAD
I HAVE TO
FIND OUT
WHO I AM...

...IS MY
PANZER
KUNST.

TO REMEMBER
THE TECHNIQUES
I'VE LOST, I
HAVE TO FIGHT--
TO FIGHT!



CHAK



SECOND LEAGUE'S
UNDERGROUND
GYMNASIUM...

SHEEEEEEASH

NO GIMMICK
TRICK
ONLY IT CAN
ATTACK YOU ALL

4/4

WARNING
ON SCHEDULE-ON
CONTRACT COST
WITH PERFORMANCE

OH!
YOU'RE
HERE
!

THIS IS
OUR TEAM'S
SPONSOR, MR.
THOMPSON OF
THE TRENCH
BLOOM WASTE
RECLAMATION
COMPANY.

CALL ME
"TOMMY."

SO
LITTLE IN
PERSON...

WE'VE GOT THE
CONTRACTS SET,
AND ALL THE
CONDITIONS ARE
MET FOR ALITA
TO MOVE INTO
THE SECOND
LEAGUE. SO
WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM, ED?

SHEEEOO

WELL, ACTUALLY...
IT'S ONLY A LITTLE
PROBLEM--AS LONG
AS ALITA DOESN'T
GET STUBBORN
ON US!

?

ALLOW
ME TO
EXPLAIN.

IN ANY
ONE OF THE
LEAGUES,
THERE CAN
BE ONLY ONE
HUNDRED
PLAYERS,
NUMBERED
FROM 0
TO 99.



...SO WHEN
NEW PLAYERS
ENTER A LEAGUE
THEY ARE
USUALLY GIVEN
THE NUMBERS
OF PLAYERS
THAT HAVE
RETIRED OR
DIED.

VOOM VOOM

CURRENTLY
THERE ARE
ABOUT TEN
OPENINGS
FOR THE
SECOND
LEAGUE,
BUT...

SH BOOM

I WON'T
HAVE ANY
NUMBER
BUT 99
!

AND,
UNFORTU-
NATELY,
THAT
NUMBER'S
TAKEN
IN THE
SECOND
LEAGUE.

SO THE
NUMBER 99
HAS SOME
SPECIAL
MEANING
TO YOU?

NOT
REALLY..
I JUST
LIKE IT,
THAT'S
ALL.

BUT ONCE
I **DECIDE**
ON SOME-
THING, I
NEVER
CHANGE
MY MIND

GET
USED
TO IT.



...YOU'LL HAVE
TO FIGHT *HIM*,
ONE ON ONE, FOR
THE NUMBER. IS
THAT ALL RIGHT
WITH YOU?

SHAAAA

SECOND
LEAGUE,
POINT
RANKING
23RD
PLACE...

..NUMBER
99,
AJAKUTTY
!

SHAAAA



SO, YOU'RE
THE PUNK WHO
WANTS TO WEAR
MY NUMBER, HUH?
COME BACK IN
FOUR AND A HALF
BILLION YEARS,
YOU SNOT-NOSED
BROAD!

GASHAK





DON'T
LET HIM
PROVOKE
YOU,
ALITA
!

THERE'S
NO NEED TO
RUN A GAME
WITH ALL
RISK AND NO
PROFIT!



FIGHT
HIM,
ALITA
!

SHOW THIS
SQUID THE
COMBINED
POWER OF
YOUR **PANZER**
KUNST AND
MY CYBORG
ENHANCE-
MENTS!



YOU IDIOT!
WHY ARE YOU
ENCOURAGING HER!?

NO ONE GETS
AWAY WITH
INSULTING ALITA!

WHY,
BACK
IN MY
HEYDAY...
!

COME
BACK
IN 45
BILLION
YEARS
!

WHADID-
YASAY
!?



AAAGH!
MY ARM!
MY
MEDICATION
!

IN OTHER
WORDS...
...IF I
BEAT THIS
GUY...I GET
TO KEEP MY
NUMBER 99
AND ENTER INTO
THE SECOND
LEAGUE--
IS THAT
RIGHT, MR
THOMPSON?

THAT'S
CORRECT.

BUT
CALL ME
TOMMY



YOU
DARE,
LITTLE
ONE...
?

GAH!



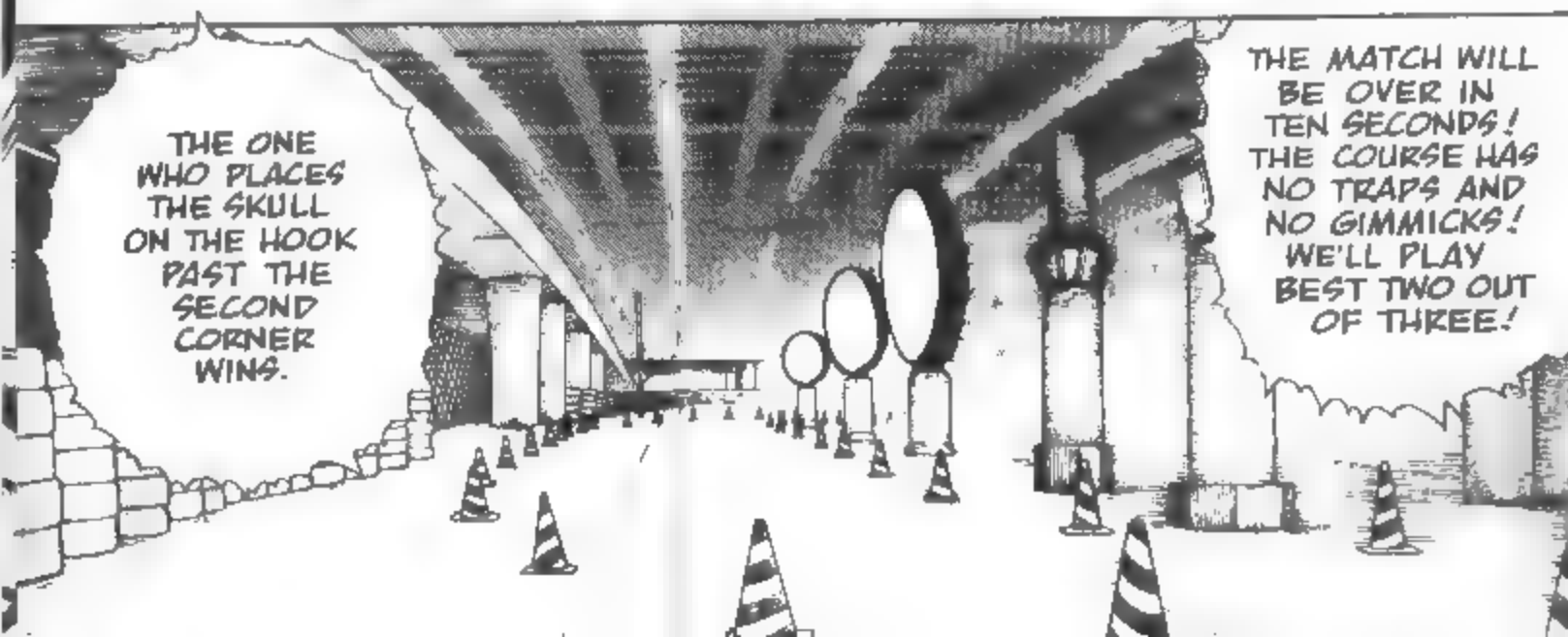
OF
COURSE.



OFFICIALLY,
THIS IS A
PRACTICE
GAME--
SO NO
WEAPONS ARE
ALLOWED
!



IN PLACE
OF THE
MOTOREBALL,
WE WILL
USE THIS
SKULL.



THE ONE
WHO PLACES
THE SKULL
ON THE HOOK
PAST THE
SECOND
CORNER
WINS.

THE MATCH WILL
BE OVER IN
TEN SECONDS!
THE COURSE HAS
NO TRAPS AND
NO GIMMICKS!
WE'LL PLAY
BEST TWO OUT
OF THREE!

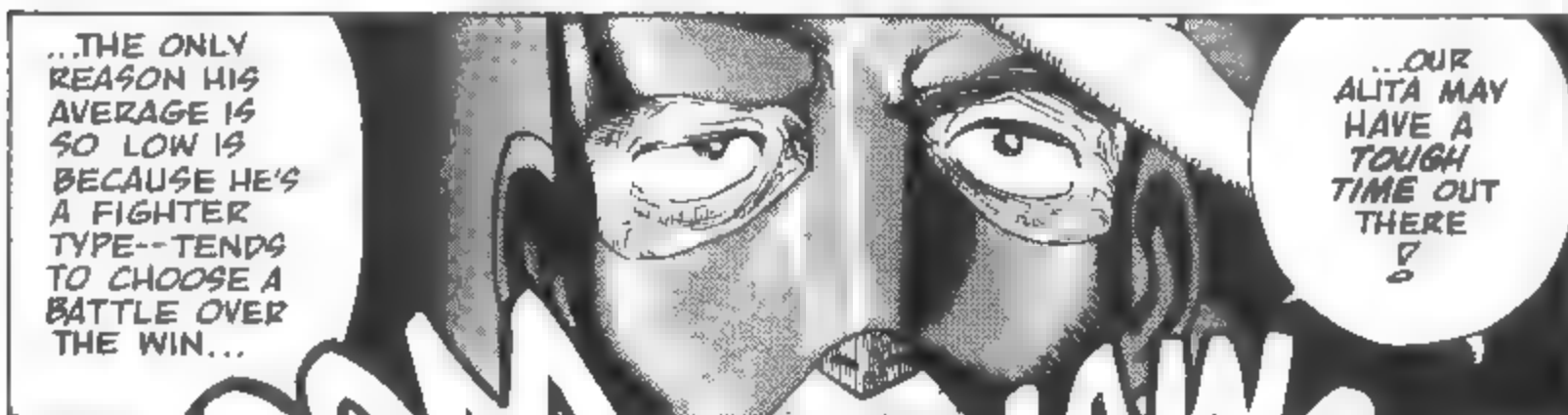


THAT
SQUID
WILL BE
AN EASY
OPPONENT
FOR
ALITA...
HEH, HEH
!

YOU
THINK
SO
HUH...
?



THAT
AJAKUTTY'S
GOOD...

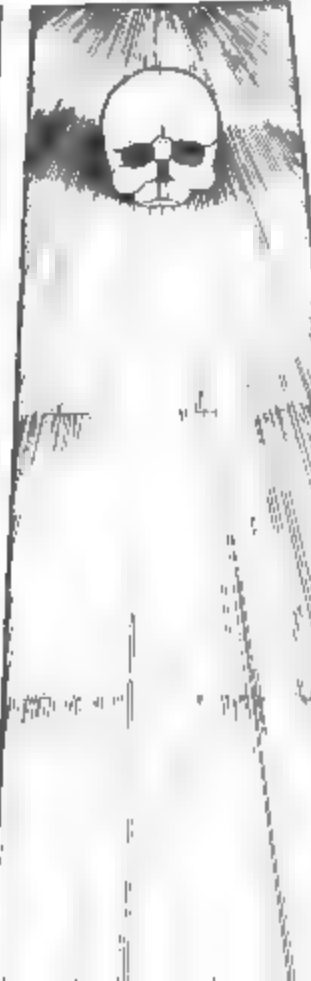


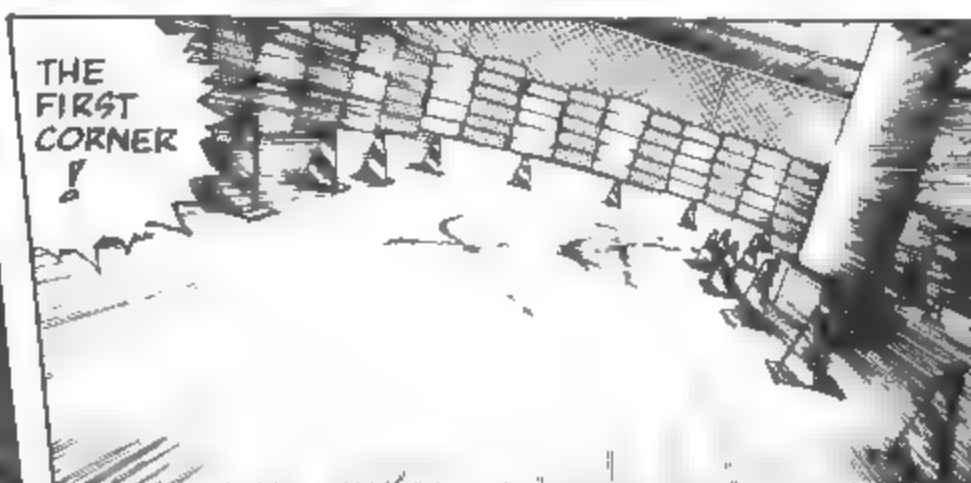
...THE ONLY
REASON HIS
AVERAGE IS
SO LOW IS
BECAUSE HE'S
A FIGHTER
TYPE--TENDS
TO CHOOSE A
BATTLE OVER
THE WIN...

...OUR
ALITA MAY
HAVE A
TOUGH
TIME OUT
THERE
!



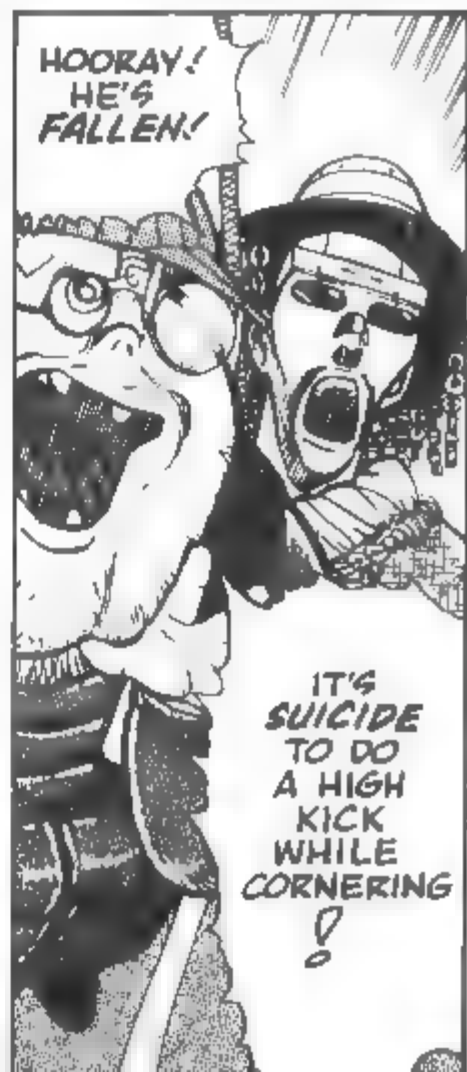
READY--!







THIS IS THE
SKILL LEVEL
OF THE
SECOND
LEAGUE?



HOORAY!
HE'S
FALLEN!

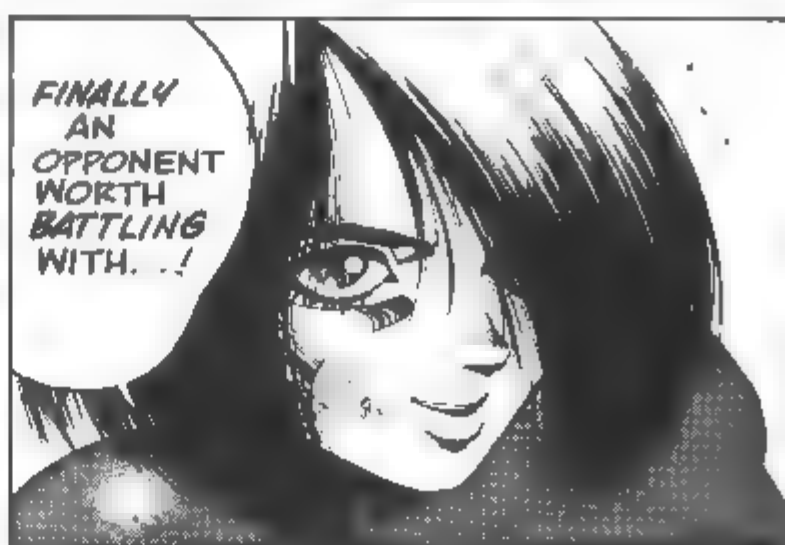
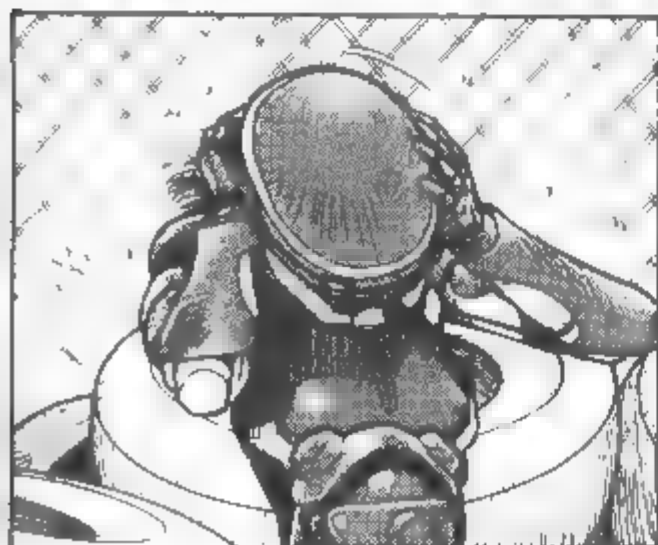
IT'S
SUICIDE
TO DO
A HIGH
KICK
WHILE
CORNERING
!



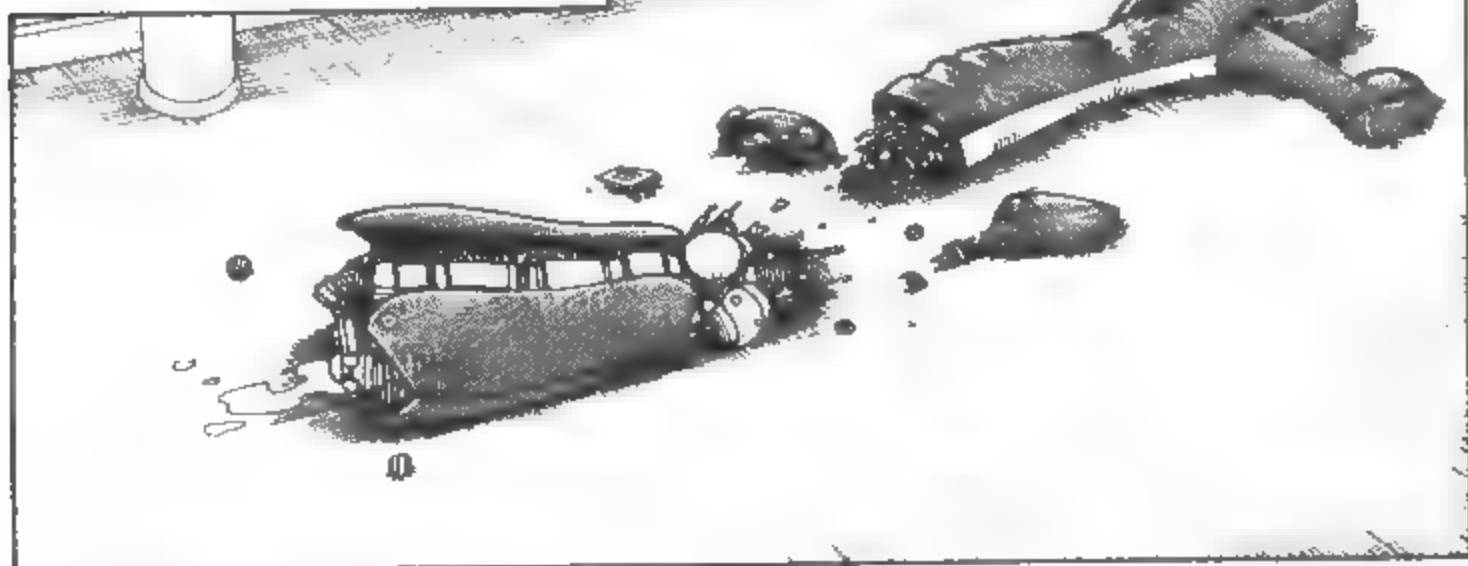
I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT! HE
DOWNED
ALITA
LIKE SHE
WAS
NOTHIN'!

AA I THOUGHT!
THE HIGH KICKS
AND SUBSEQUENT
FALL WAS A
FEINT! BUT
FOR HIM TO
BE ABLE TO
CONTROL HIS
FALL LIKE THAT...





THE THREE-ROUND
TOURNAMENT FOR THE
NUMBER 99.
ROUND ONE...AJAKUTTV
TAKES THE SKULL!



THIS IS
THE ONLY
SPARE
LEFT LEG
WE'VE
GOT IN
STOCK,
ALITA.



FINE!
DON'T WORRY
SO, UMBA! I
JUST GOT A
LITTLE CARE-
LESS, THAT'S
ALL!





WE'LL
CONTINUE
WITH THE
GAME...



...IT TOOK
US A WHILE
TO GET ALL
THE PARTS...
SORRY TO
MAKE YOU
WAIT.

HOLD
ON A
SECOND,
ESDOC.

WHAT IS IT, MR
THOMPSON?

JUST
ED'ING
FINE



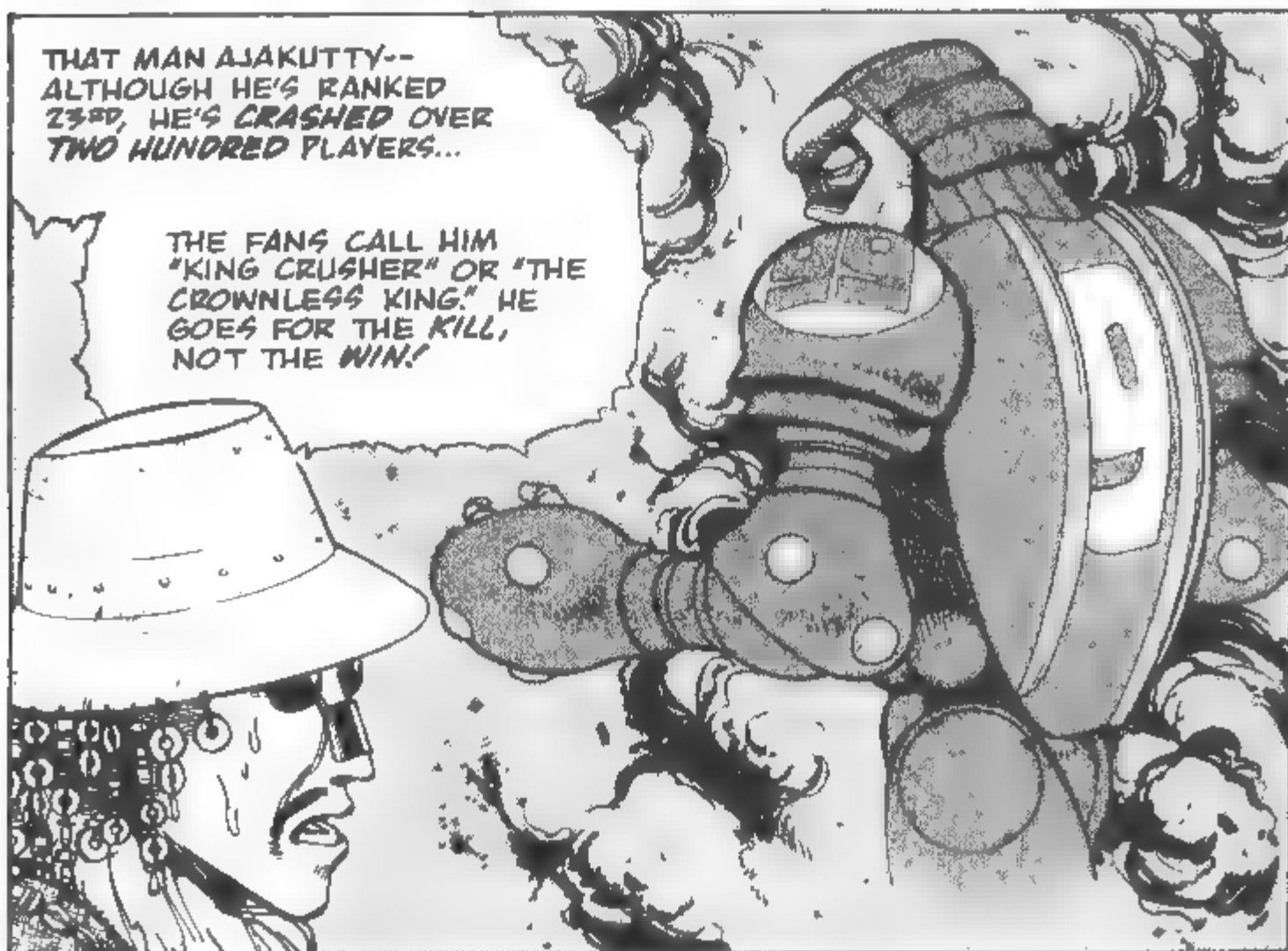
ALITA IS A...
MAGNIFICENT
PLAYER...
BUT THIS
TIME WE
MIGHT
HAVE
CHOSEN
THE WRONG
OPPONENT.



I THINK
WE SHOULD
WITHDRAW--
BEFORE
THERE'S
ANY MORE
DAMAGE.

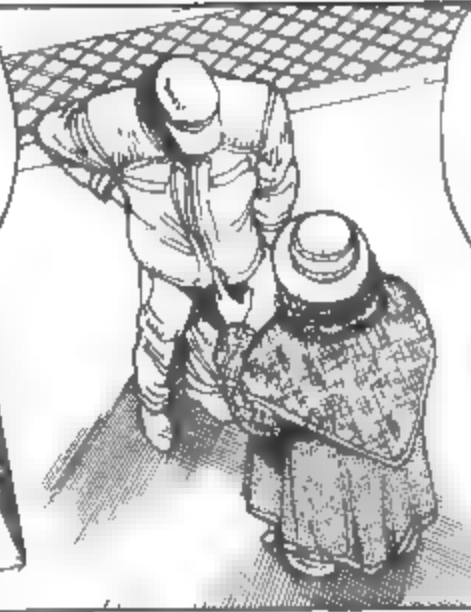
THAT MAN AJAKUTTY--
ALTHOUGH HE'S RANKED
23RD, HE'S CRASHED OVER
TWO HUNDRED PLAYERS...

THE FANS CALL HIM
"KING CRUSHER" OR "THE
CROWNLESS KING." HE
GOES FOR THE KILL,
NOT THE WIN!





SO
YOU'RE
TELLING
US TO
ADMIT
DEFEAT
?



THIS BATTLE OVER
THE NUMBER 99 IS
JUST A **PERSONAL**
THING. IT WON'T
AFFECT ALITA'S
AVERAGE. IT'S
REGRETFUL, BUT...



I AGREE
WITH YOU--
IT'S A
USELESS
FIGHT,
BUT...



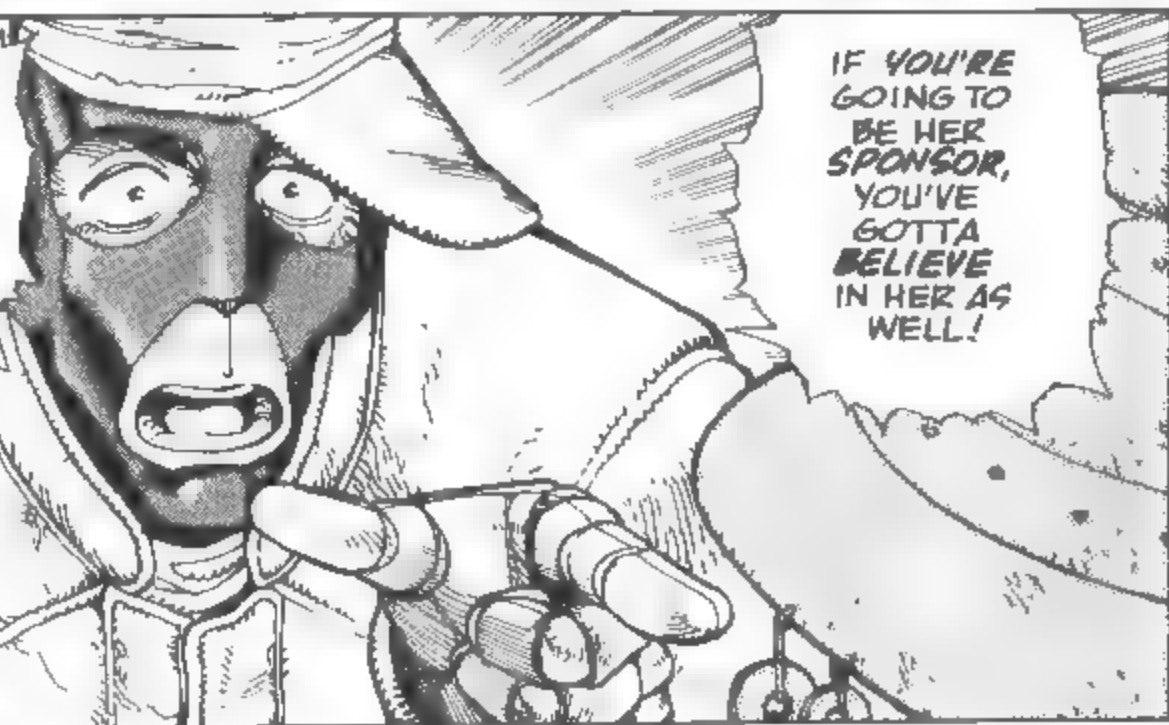
...NOW THAT
SHE'S **STARTED**,
I DON'T THINK
I COULD STOP
IT EVEN IF
I **WANTED**
TO!



IF WE LET
THIS GO ON,
ALITA COULD BE
PERMANENTLY
DAMAGED!



AS HER
COACH, I
BELIEVE
IN HER!
SHE'LL
WIN!



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE HER
SPONSOR,
YOU'VE
GOTTA
BELIEVE
IN HER AS
WELL!

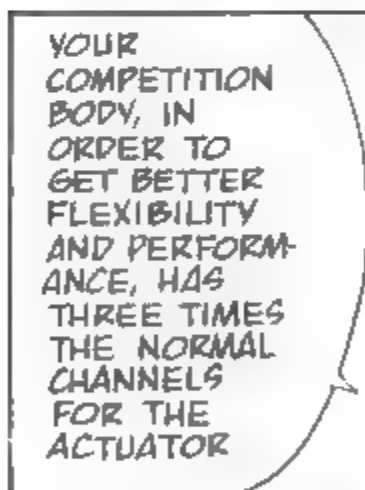


RMMM
RMMM

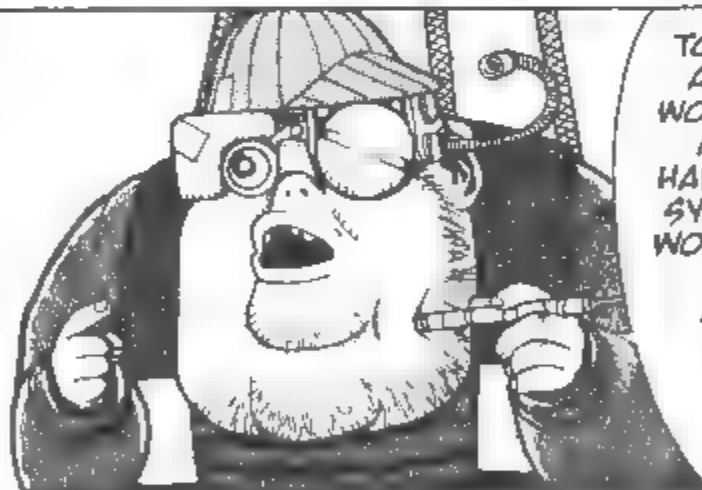


I DON'T
KNOW--
STILL
FEELS A
LITTLE
STRANGE...

WELL, I'VE
ALIGNED
THE NEW
LEG--BUT,
IN SUCH
A SHORT
TIME,
THERE ARE
LIMITS
TO WHAT
I CAN
DO.



YOUR
COMPETITION
BODY, IN
ORDER TO
GET BETTER
FLEXIBILITY
AND PERFORM-
ANCE, HAS
THREE TIMES
THE NORMAL
CHANNELS
FOR THE
ACTUATOR



TO HAVE EXCHANGED
ALL THOSE PARTS
WOULD HAVE TAKEN
MORE TIME.. IF I
HAD A HIGH-QUALITY
SYNCHRONIZER, IT
WOULD BE DIFFERENT...
BUT, FOR NOW,
ANY HARDWARE
ADJUSTMENTS
WILL BE YOUR
OWN--
ON THE FLY.



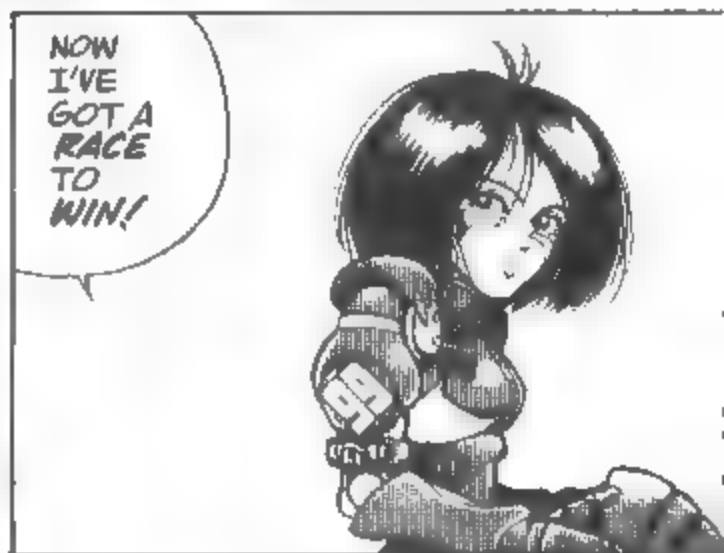
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
MAKE DO...



YOU
ALL GET,
ALITA
?



AS
READY
AS I'LL
EVER
BE..



SKULL
CHALLENGE
ROUND
TWO



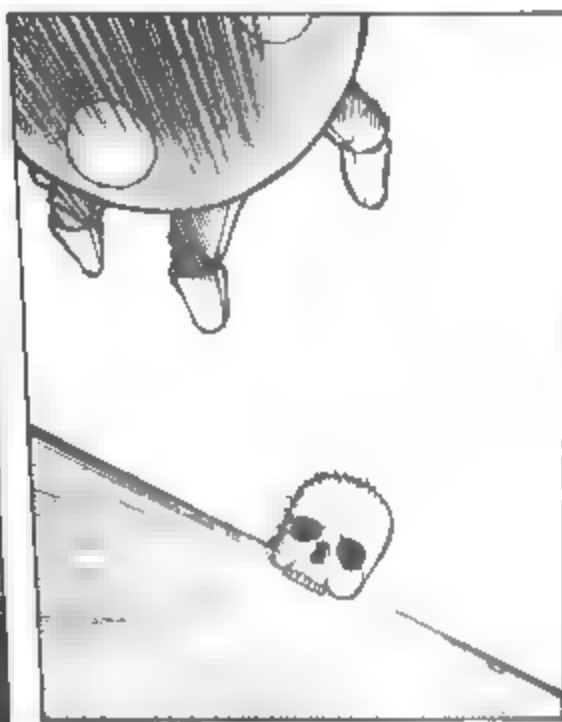


THERE'S NOT
GOING TO BE
A THIRD
ROUND, YA
UPSTART!
YOU'RE
SCRAP...
HERE AND
NOW!

READY!

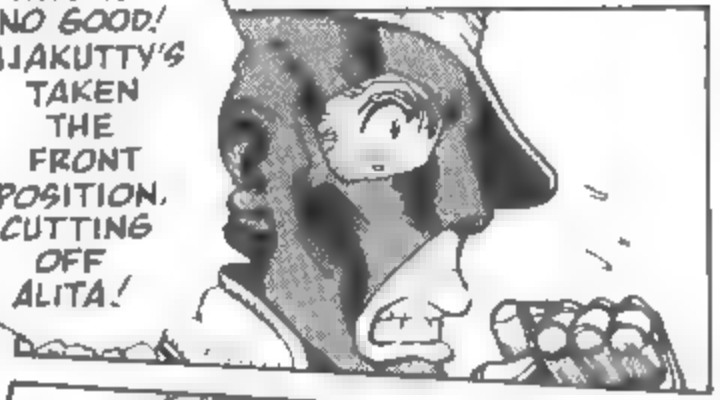
GO!





VOOMMM

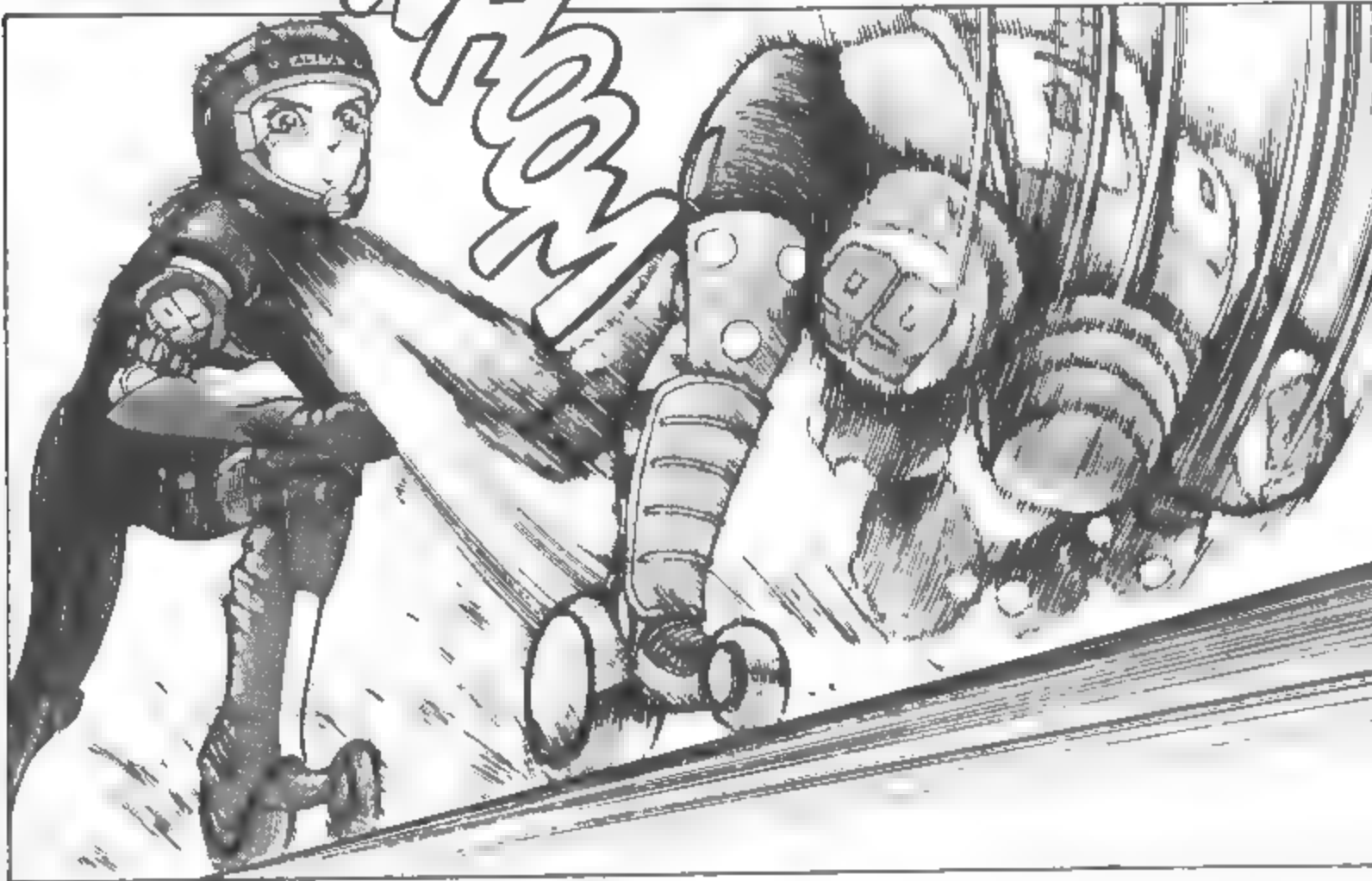
DAMN!
THIS IS
NO GOOD!
AJAKUTTY'S
TAKEN
THE
FRONT
POSITION,
CUTTING
OFF
ALITA!

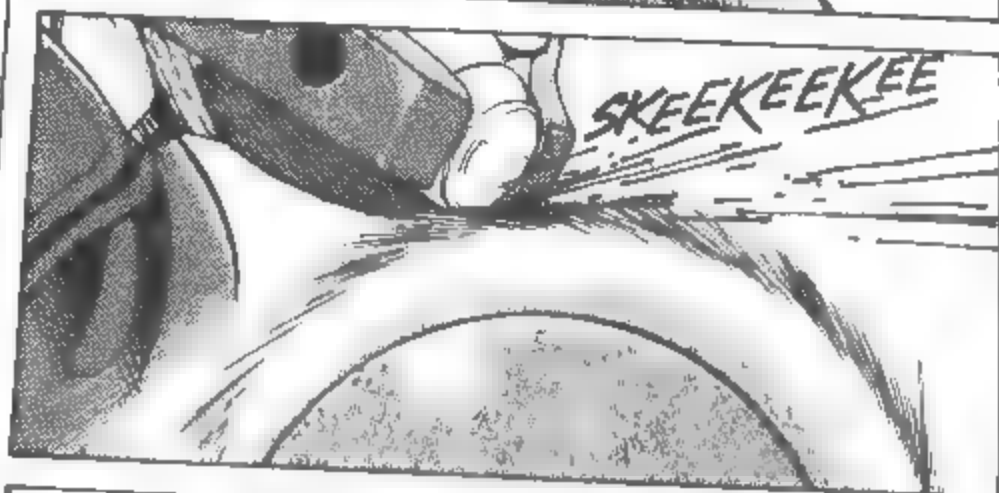
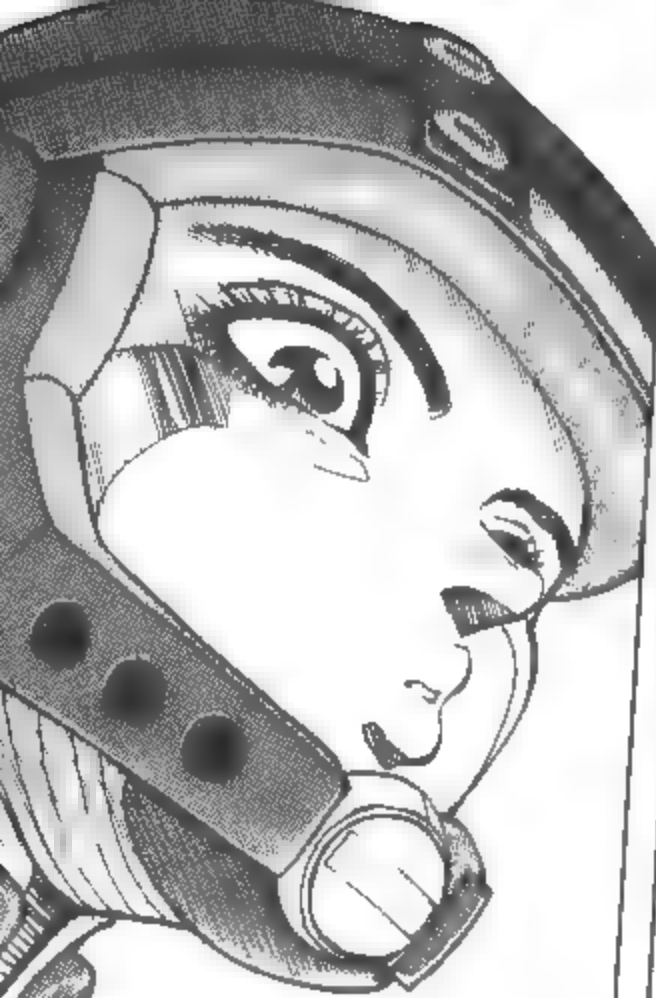


SHOO

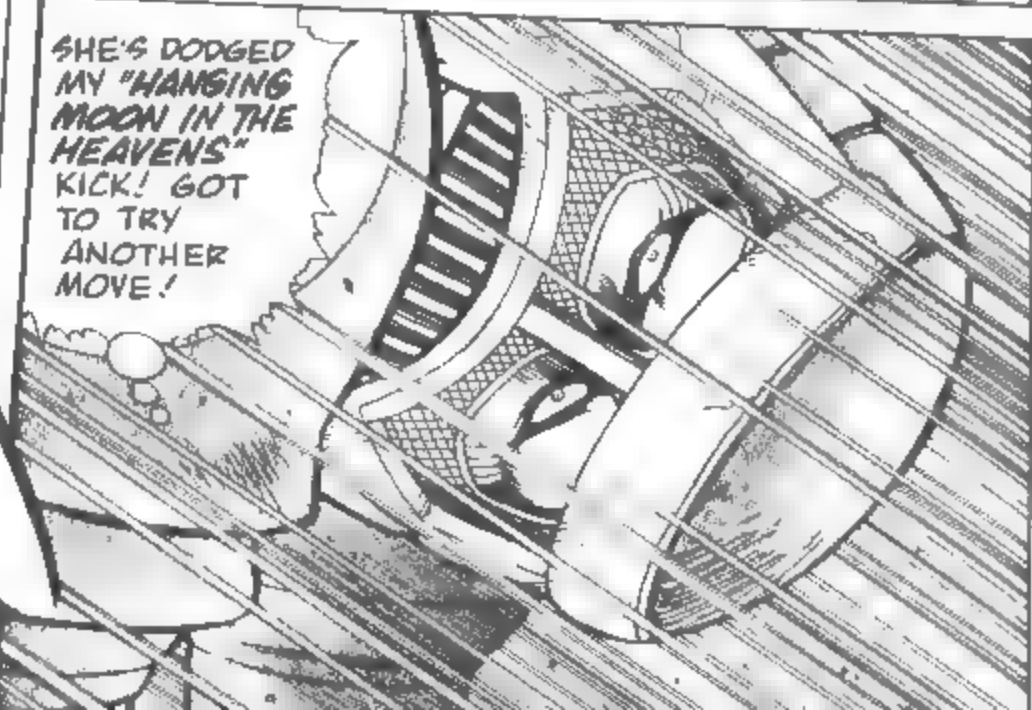


WHOO



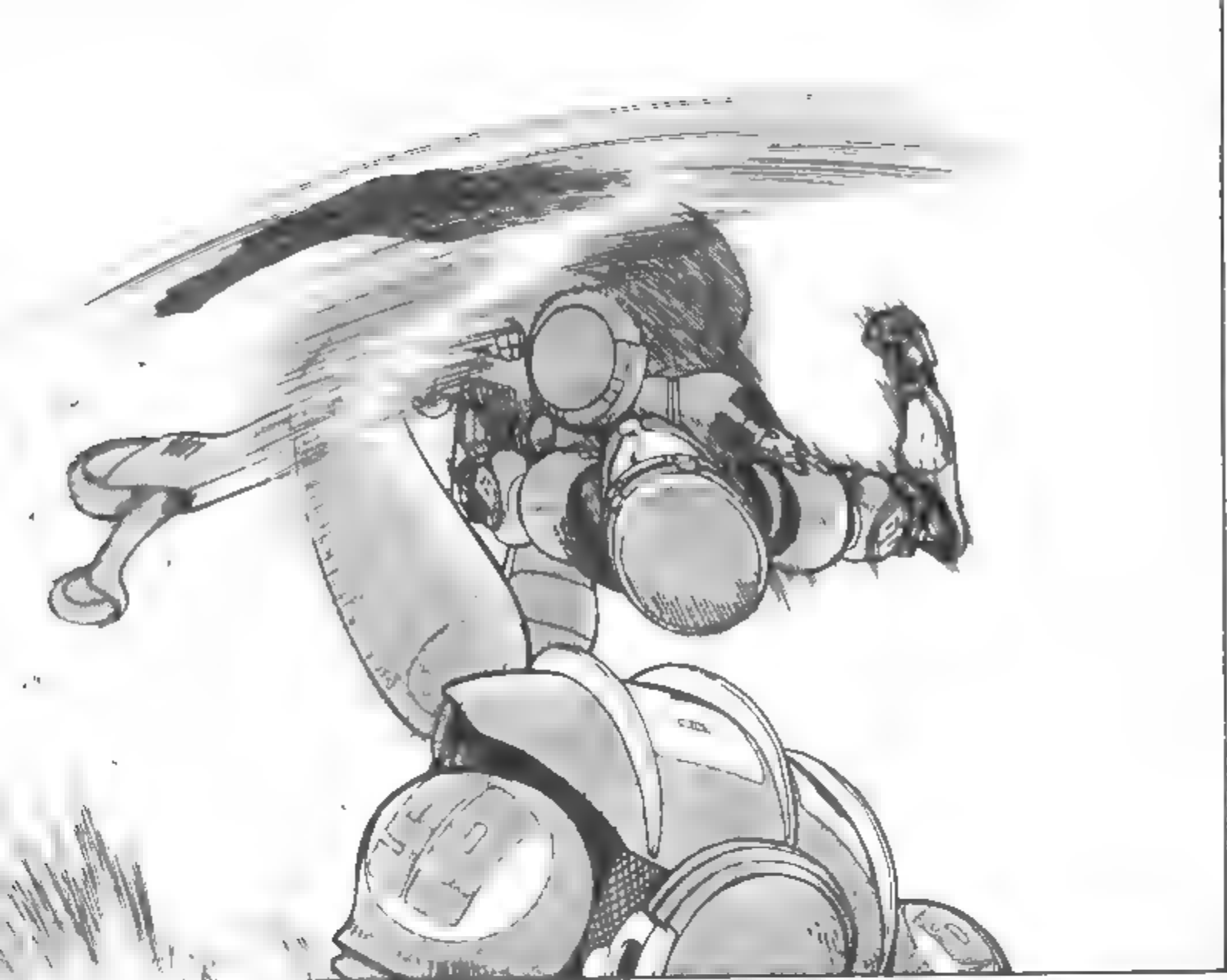


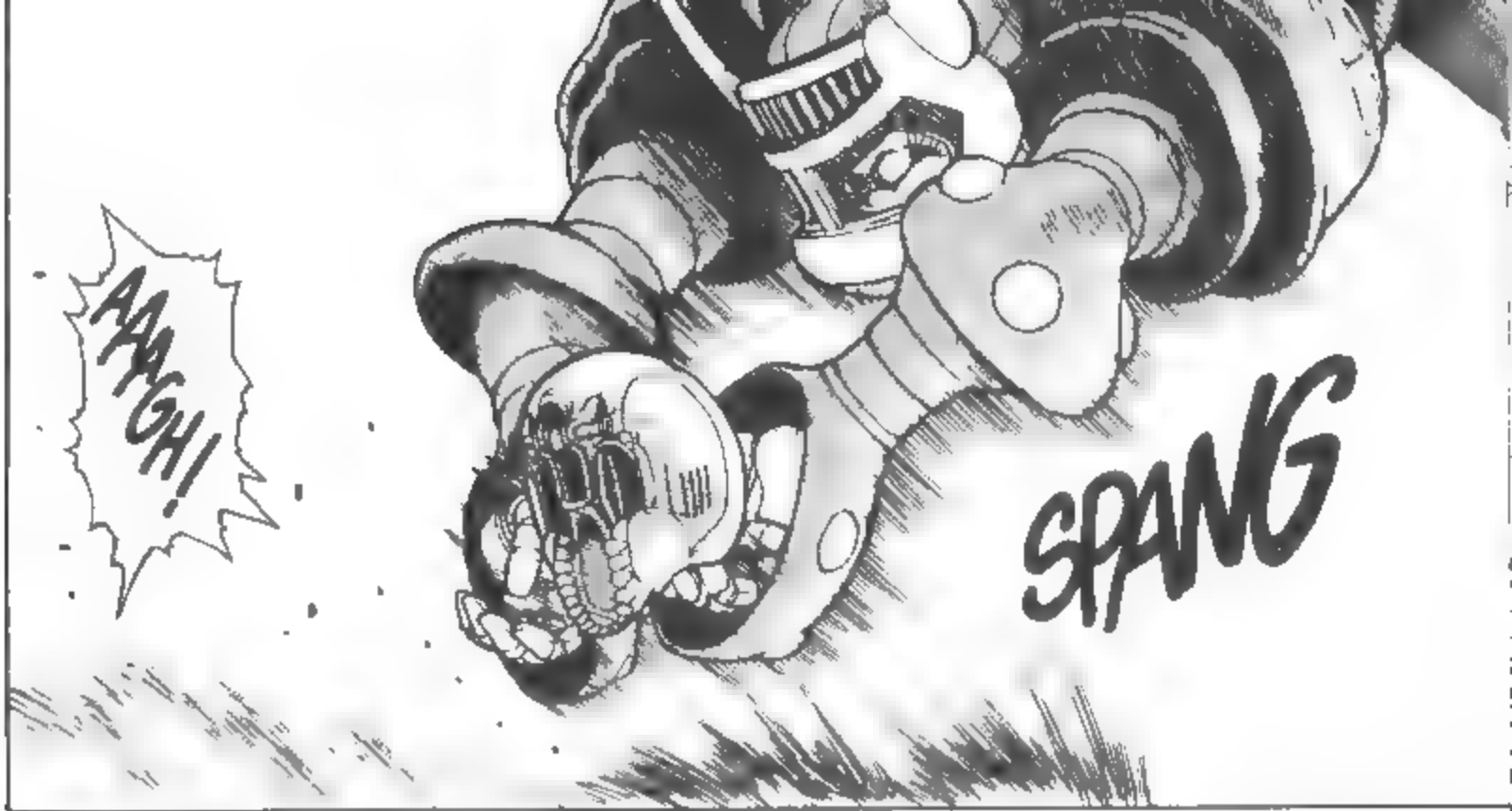
SHE'S DODGED
MY "HANGING
MOON IN THE
HEAVENS"
KICK! GOT
TO TRY
ANOTHER
MOVE!

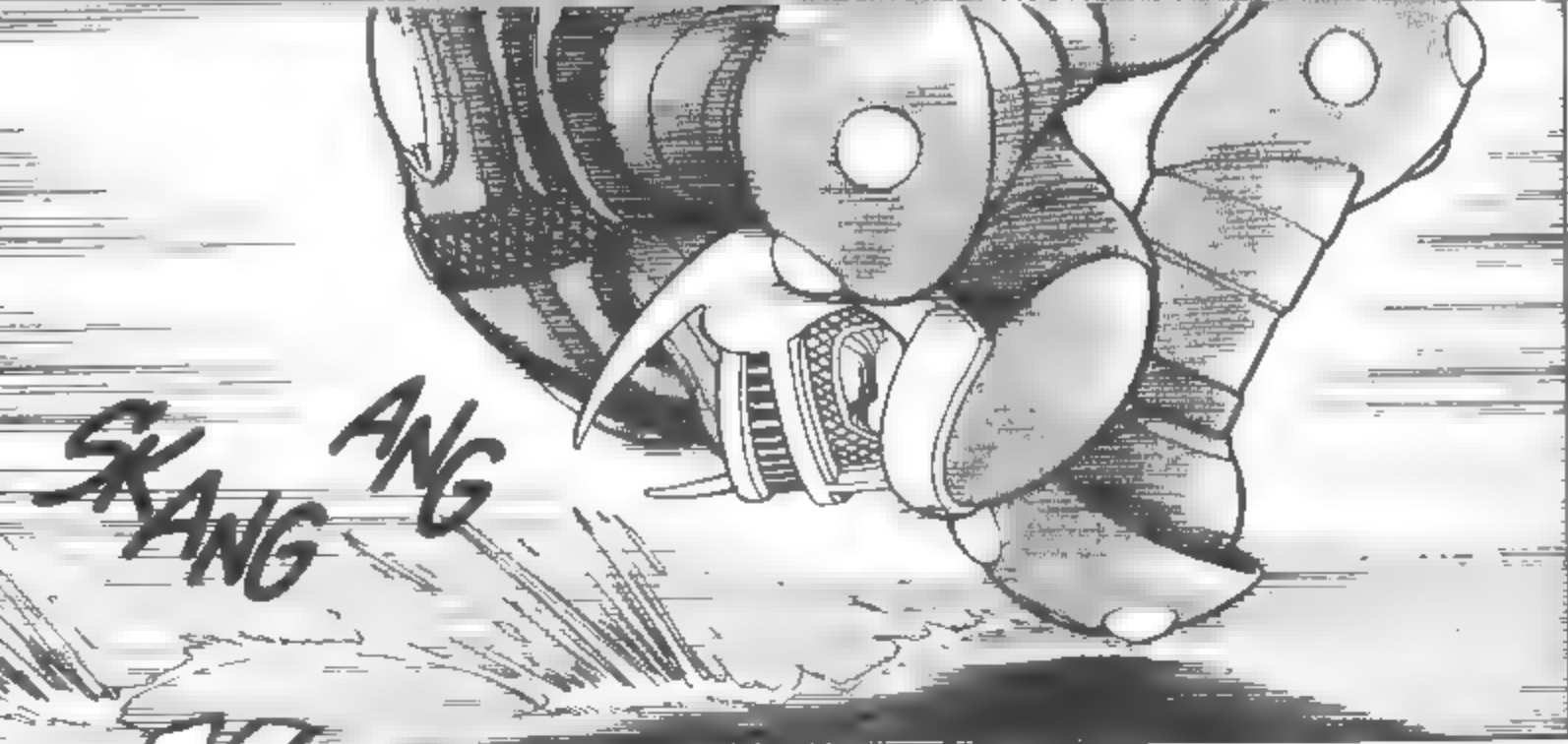


POOOP

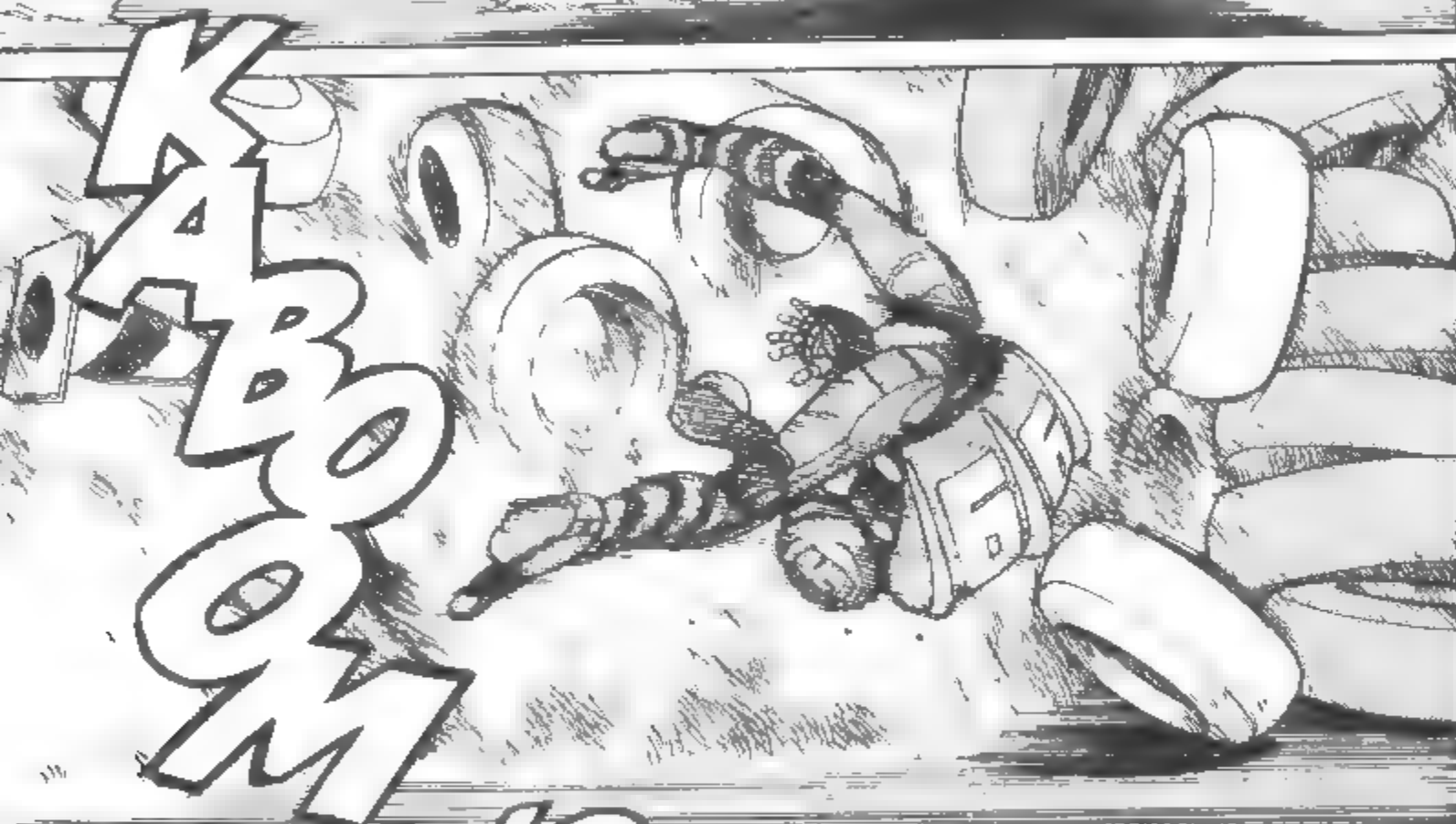








SKANG ANG



TLANG

INCREDIBLE!
SHE AVOIDED
A DOUBLE
KICK..AND
AT THE
SAME TIME
WENT INTO
THE THROW--
FROM AN
IMPOSSIBLE
POSITION!

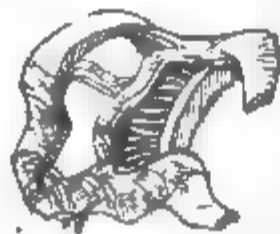
BUT THE
BATTLE
ISN'T OVER
YET!
AJAKUTTV
STILL
HAS THE
SKULL!



D-DAMMIT!

KANG
KANG

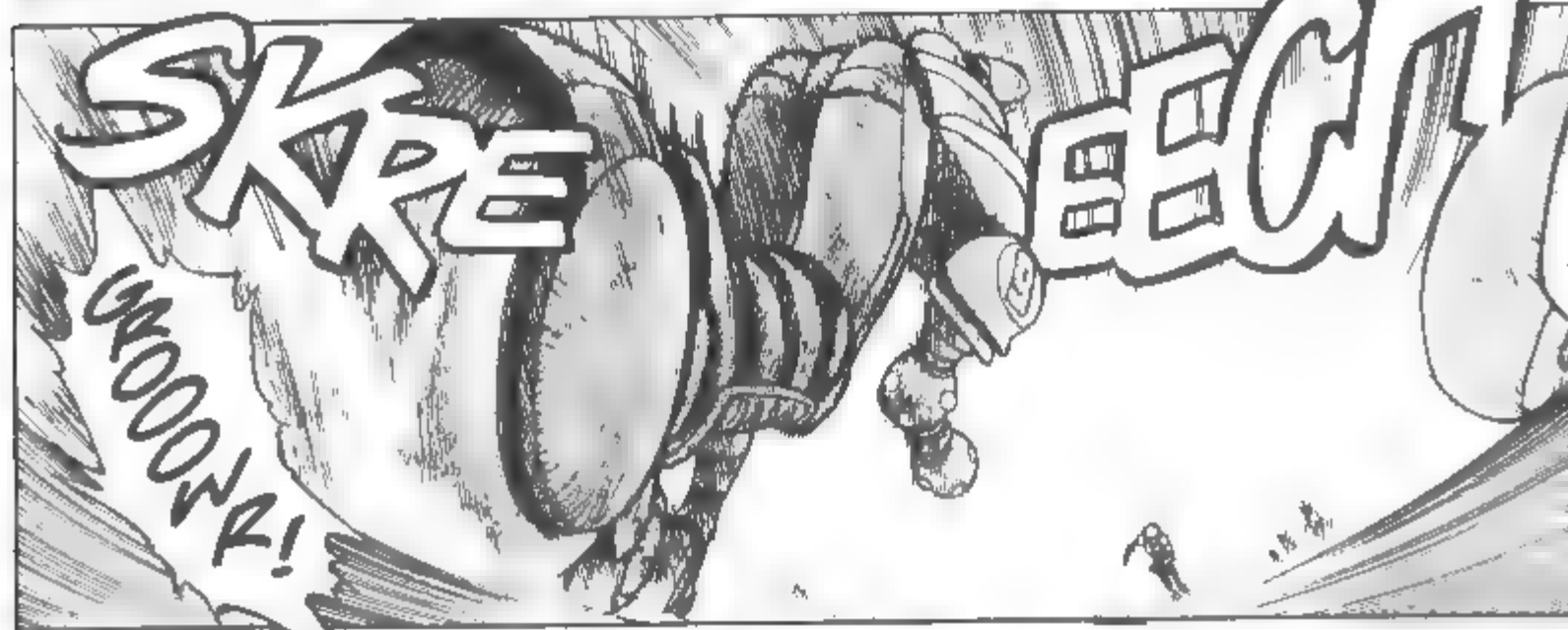
SPANG



THAT
BITCH!



NOW
SHE'S
PISSED
ME
OFF!



I'LL
PULVERIZE
THAT
LEG TO
SPLINTERS!

VAAAA

YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE MY
"HAMMER
FORCE
HURRICANE"
KICK, LOW
TO THE
SHIN!

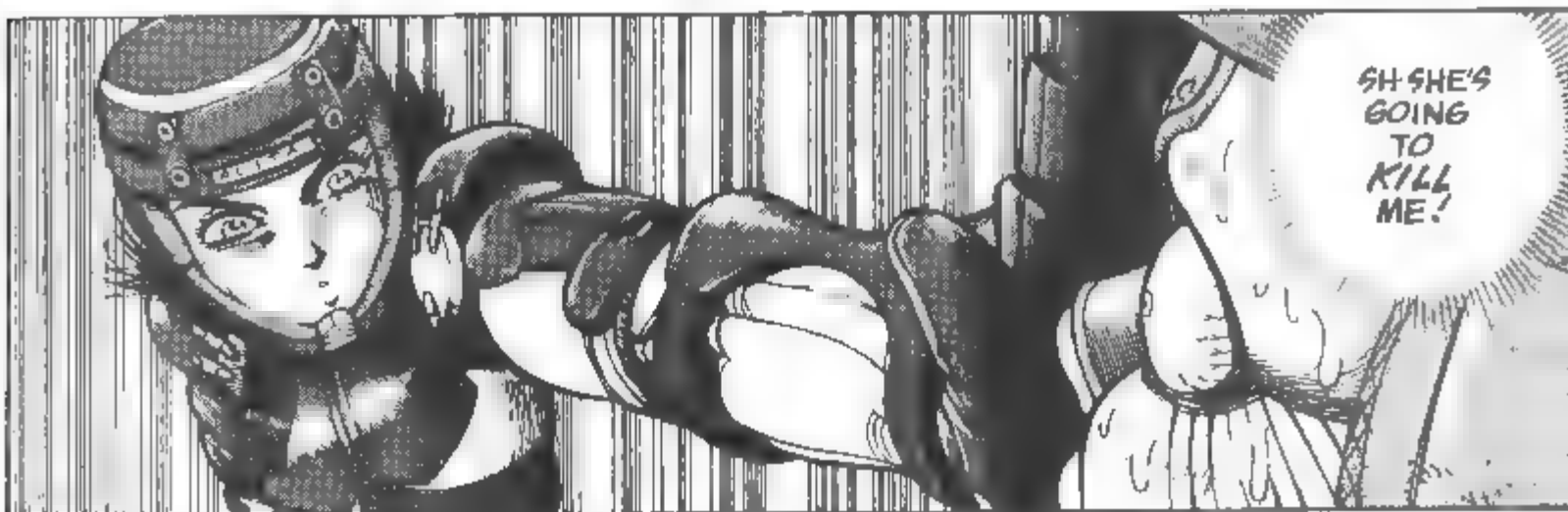
AND WHEN
YOU FALL,
I'M GOING
TO POUND
MY KNUCKLES
INTO YOUR
SKULL!
IT'S TIME
YOUR BRAIN
MET THE
TRACK,
GIRL!

WHA-
?!

YLOP

IMPOSSIBLE!
SHE READ
MY
ATTACK!?

FOP



KAKROIK TOK

ROUND TWO...

ALITA TAKES
THE SKULL!

POOMP

MY
FINEST
"ASIAN ARTS"
TECHNIQUES...
DEFEATED..

I HAND
OVER MY
NUMBER
TO YOU,
ALITA...
YOU HAVE
MORE
RIGHT
TO IT
THAN I...



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT AJY!?
IT'S A
THREE-
ROUND
BATTLE!
YOU HAVE
ANOTHER
CHANCE!

THE RESULT
OF THE RACE
IS ALREADY
OBVIOUS...
I WON'T
CATCH HER
OFF GUARD
AGAIN ..

...I'VE BEEN
UTTERLY
DEFEATED.

JUST
TELL
ME
ONE
THING...

...THE TECHNIQUE
YOU USED,
IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
ANY OF THE
EARTHIAN ARTS...
WHAT IS IT ?

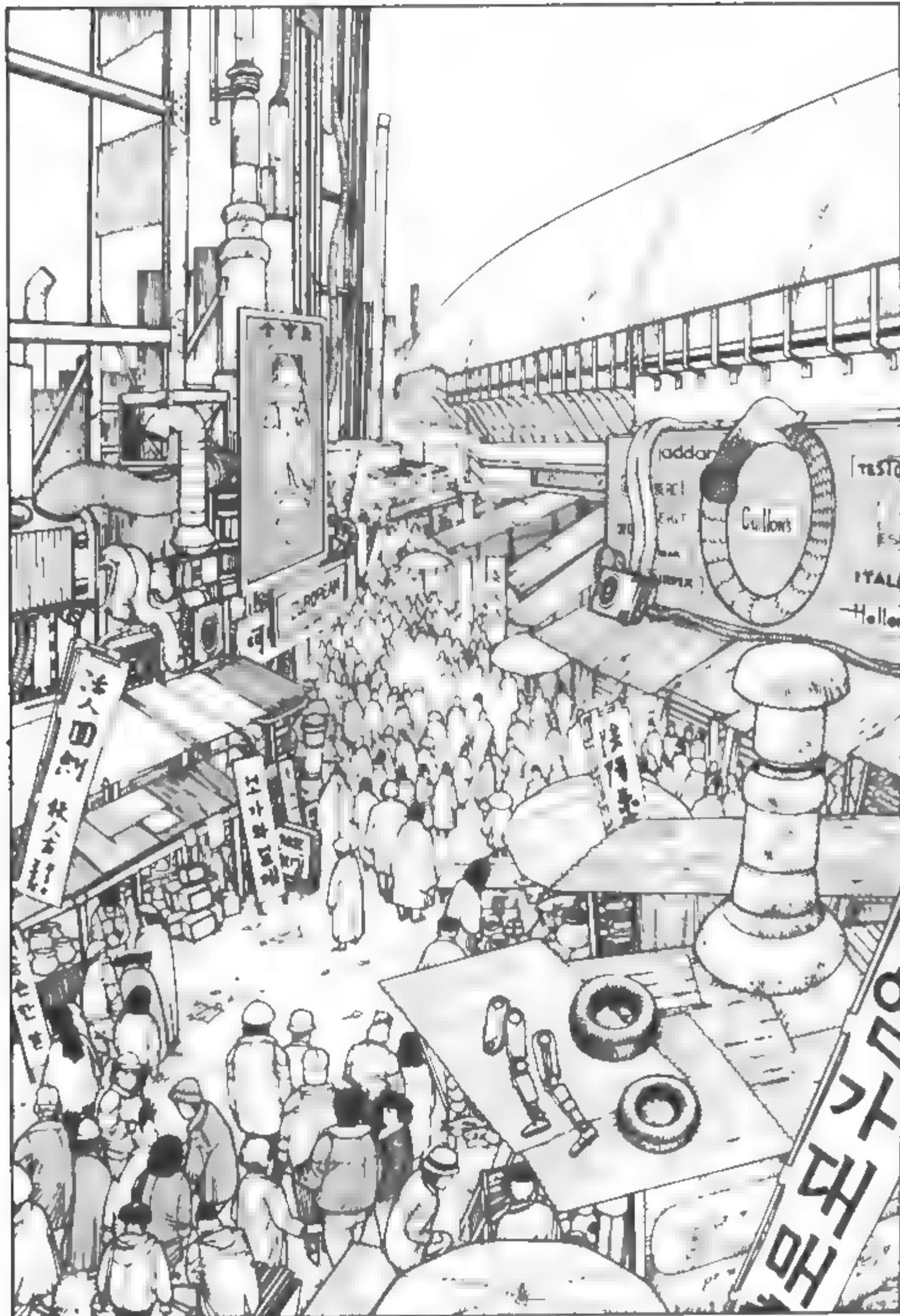
**"PANZER
KUNST"...**
THE MOST
ANCIENT
MARTIAN
WAY OF
COMBAT!

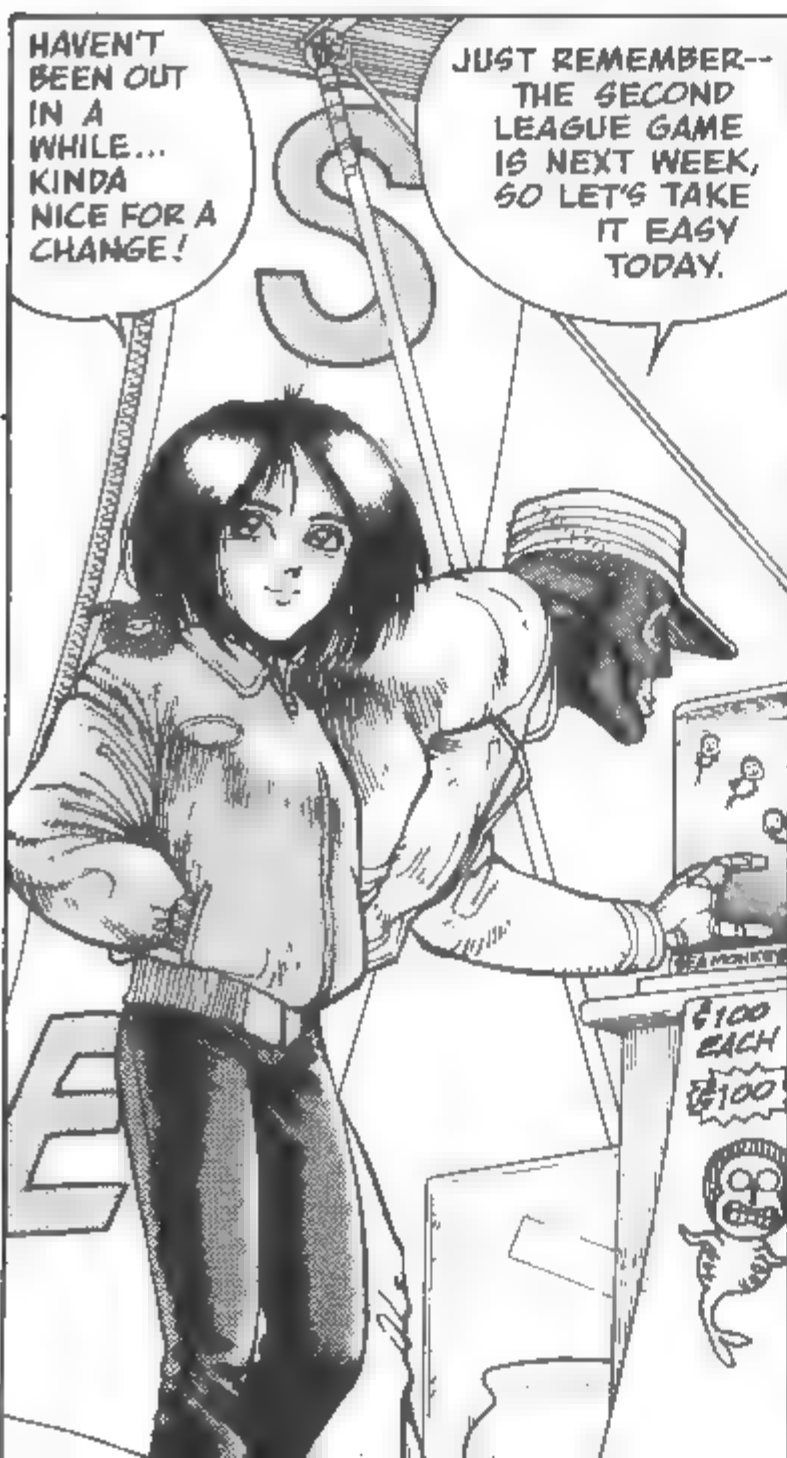
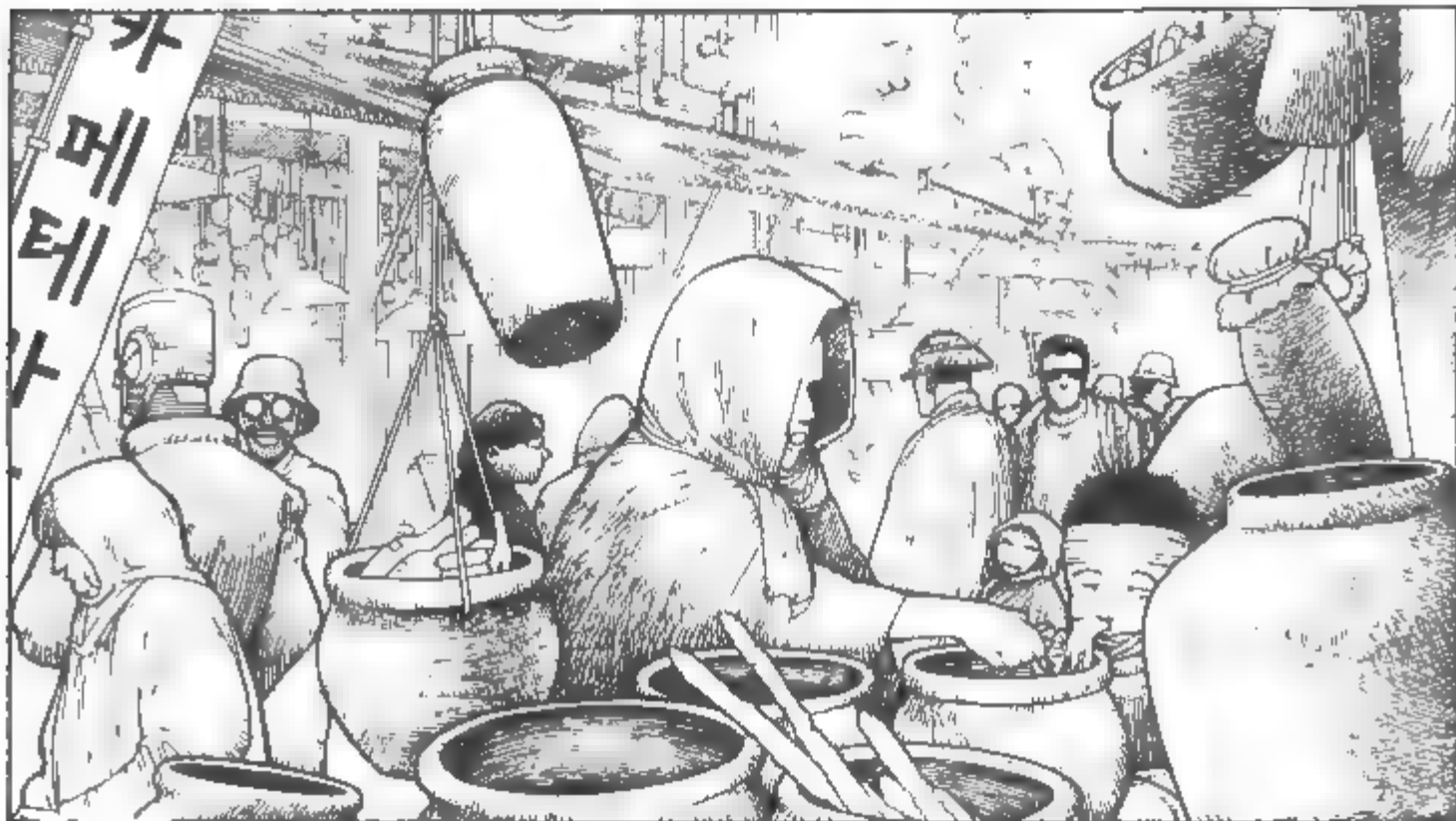


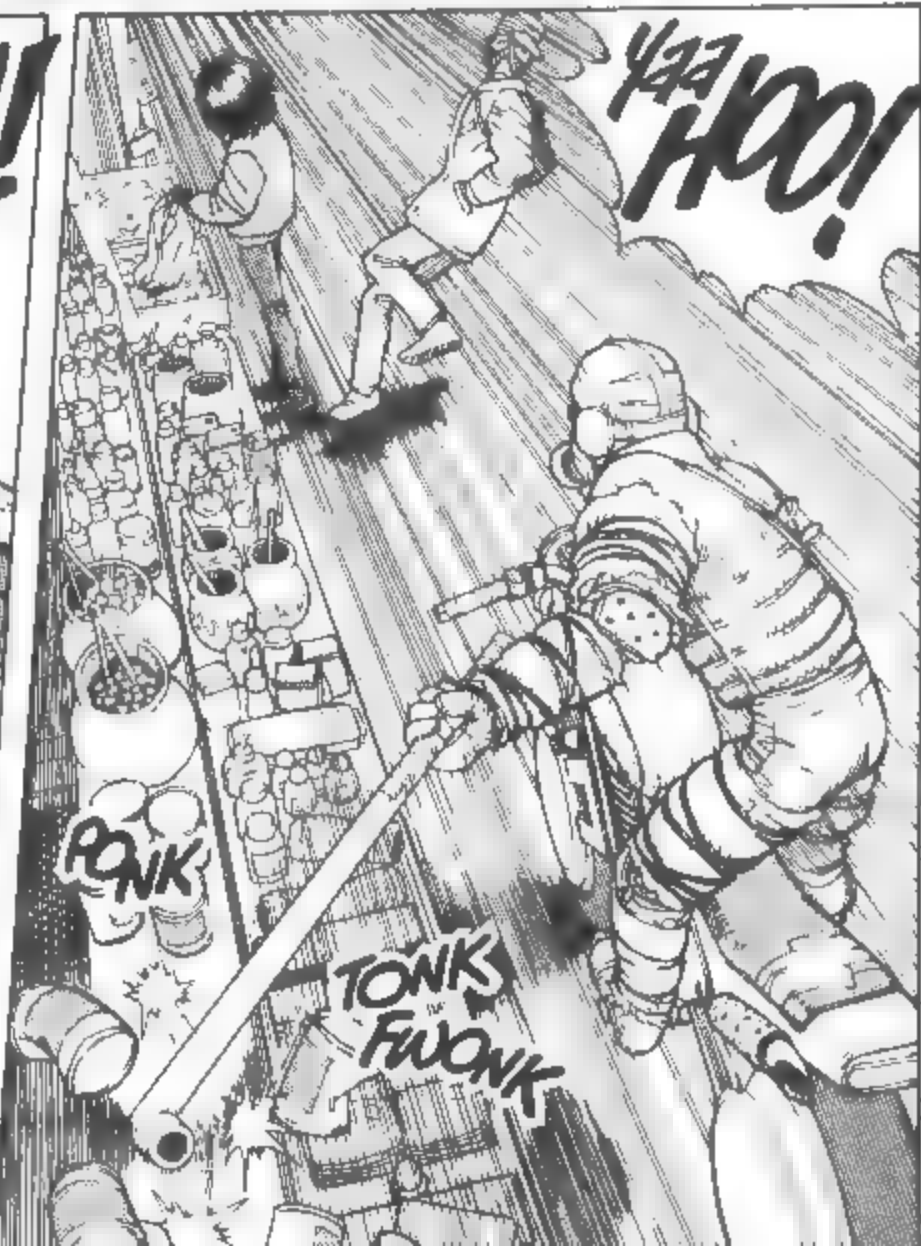
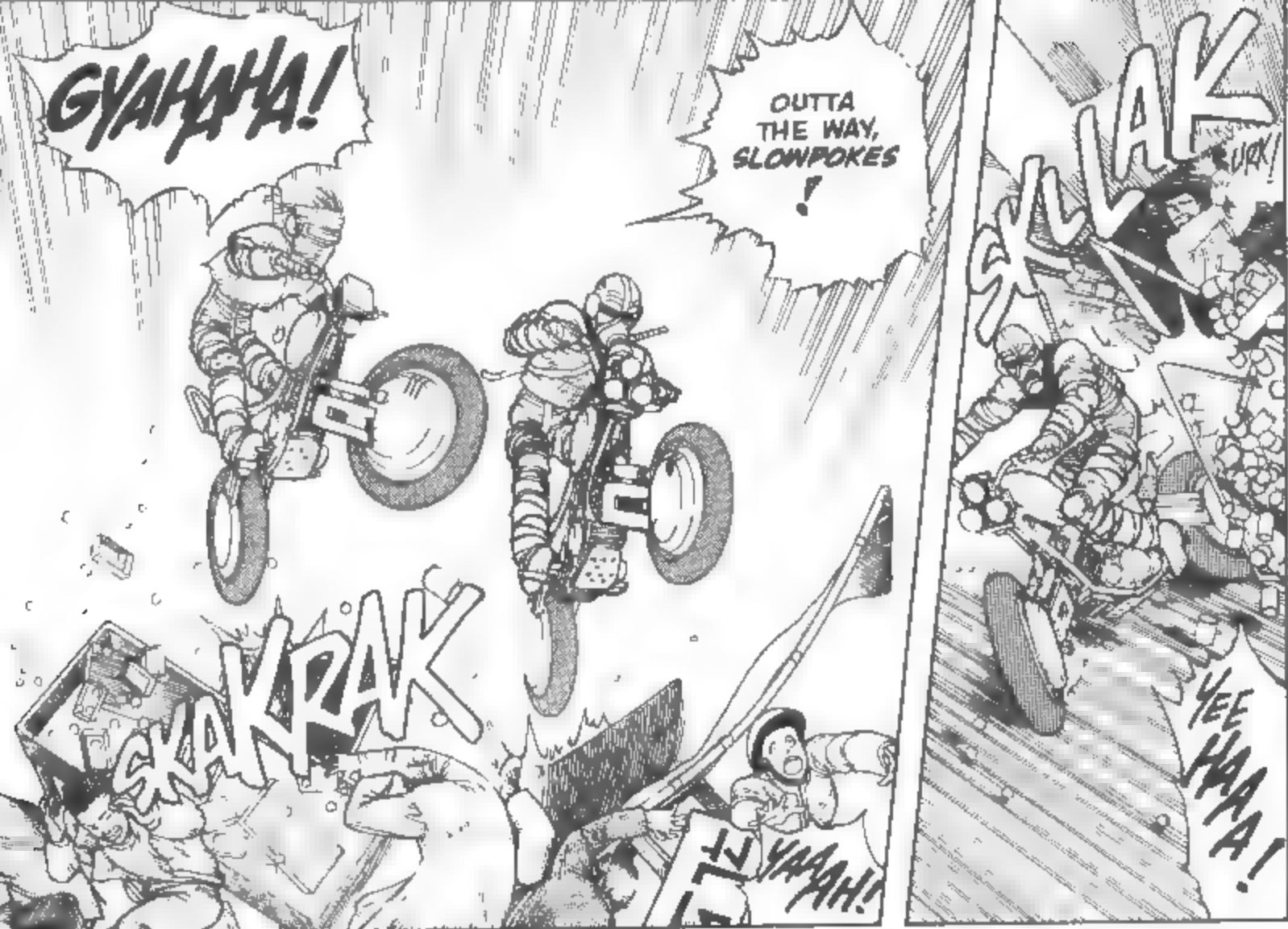
THE SKULL CHALLENGE: PART TWO

Race 4: To Kill or to Win



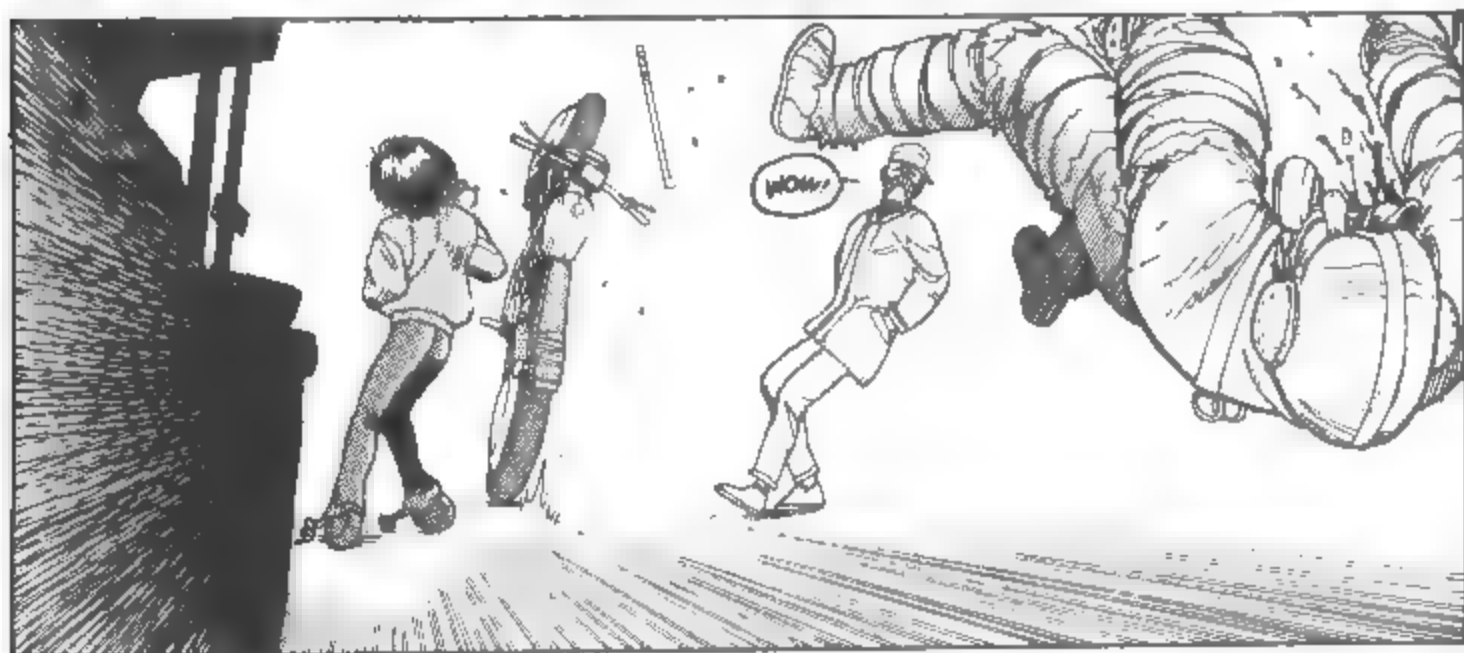
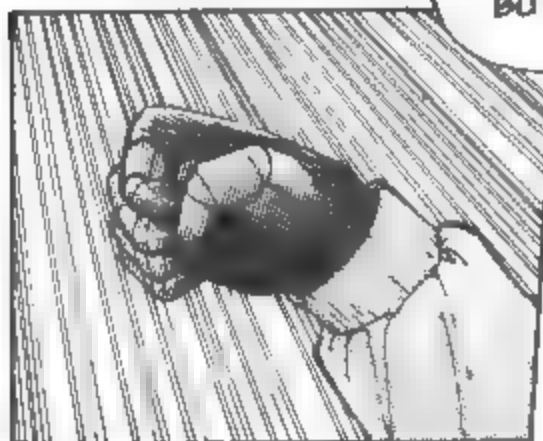








YOU SEE,
I CHOSE
MOTORBALL
FOR
MYSELF,
BUT...



...BY CHOOSING
MOTORBALL. EVEN IF
IT'S JUST FOR A
LITTLE WHILE ...I
ENDED UP CUTTING
OFF THE ONE
PERSON MOST
IMPORTANT
TO ME...

FWUD

A LOVER,
PERHAPS?
A
KOOCHIE
KOOCHIE
KOO?

NO, ED! THAT'S
NOT IT...HE'S THE
ONE WHO FOUND
ME WITHOUT ANY
MEMORIES--WHO
TOOK ME IN AND
GAVE ME MY
NAME.

HOW DARE
YOU DO
THAT TO
MY BRO!

SKREE



DIIEEE--!

IF IT
WASN'T FOR
HIM, I
WOULDN'T
EVEN BE HERE
NOW.

THERE'S
NOT A DAY
I DON'T
REMEMBER
THAT. I-I
LOVE HIM
VERY MUCH...

WRECK



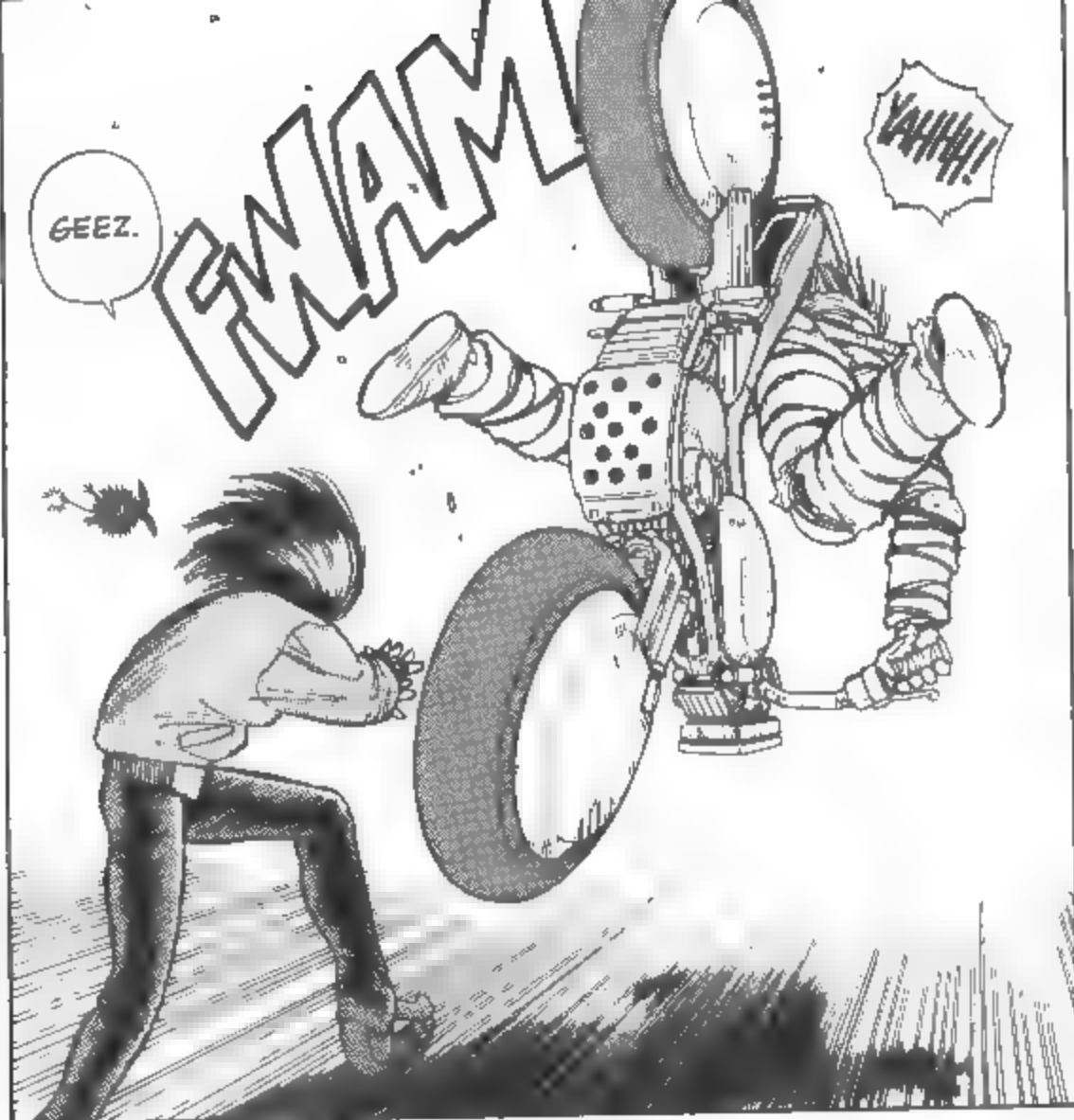
!?

SKIK

BUT, WHEN
HE'S AROUND,
I CAN NEVER
BE HONEST
ABOUT MY
FEELINGS.

GRNN





SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE
FEELING
A LITTLE
GUILTY,
ALITA
GUILT IS
LIKE A
POISON WE
ALL FEEL
INSIDE US.

...BUT A POISON
IN SMALL DOSES
CAN BE A CURE.
IT'S BETTER FOR
A PERSON TO
HAVE SOME
THAN NONE
AT ALL...

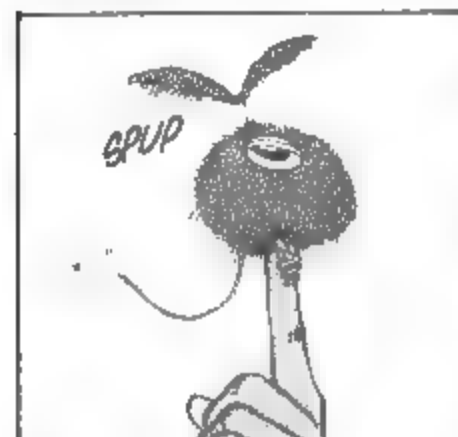


.....
I GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT...



BY THE
WAY, WHAT
WAS THAT
THROW?

THE TWO-
WHEELED
BIKER
THROW...



YOU
SHOULDN'T
STEAL OTHER
PEOPLE'S STUFF,
SHUMIRA...
NOW, GIVE IT
BACK.

AA
AA
AA
AA...



HEY,
JASHUGAN!
THAT'S
SOME
COINCIDENCE!



BEEN A
WHILE,
ESDOC..
YOU
DOIN'
WELL?



MORE OR
LESS...WHAT
WITH THIS
TERMINAL
FROST AND
ALL, I
CAN'T GET
BY WITHOUT
MY MEDS...

...BUT I WANT
TO INTRODUCE YOU
TO ALITA, ONE
OF MY NEW TEAM
MEMBERS



THAT
SO...



I'VE ALSO
ADDED TO
MY TEAM!
THIS HERE
IS MY NEW
TUNER, DR.
IDO.

HELLO.



I-IDO!



WHAT?
YOU
KNOW
THIS
GUY?



HMM...?
HAVE WE
MET BEFORE,
YOUNG
LADY?



WHA--?

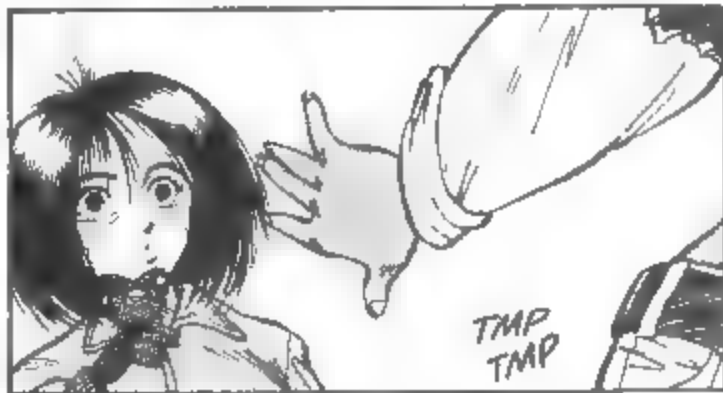


WH-WHAT'S WITH THIS ATTITUDE!? WHY IS IDO ON JASHUGAN'S TEAM!?

WHAT'S GOING ON!?



HERE!



TMP TMP



GLOM



I.. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE...

SKTCH



A TOAST
TO MY
ONE-TIME
RIVAL...



HEH..
"ONE-
TIME,"
HUH
?

WELLLLLLLL...
PRETTY SOON
ALITA WILL
BE ON YOUR
CIRCUIT IN
MY PLACE
I'M SURE
SHE'LL WANT
TO SAY HELLO -
SO DON'T YOU
GO RETIRING
ANYTIME
SOON

I'LL BE
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

BORGHEZIA

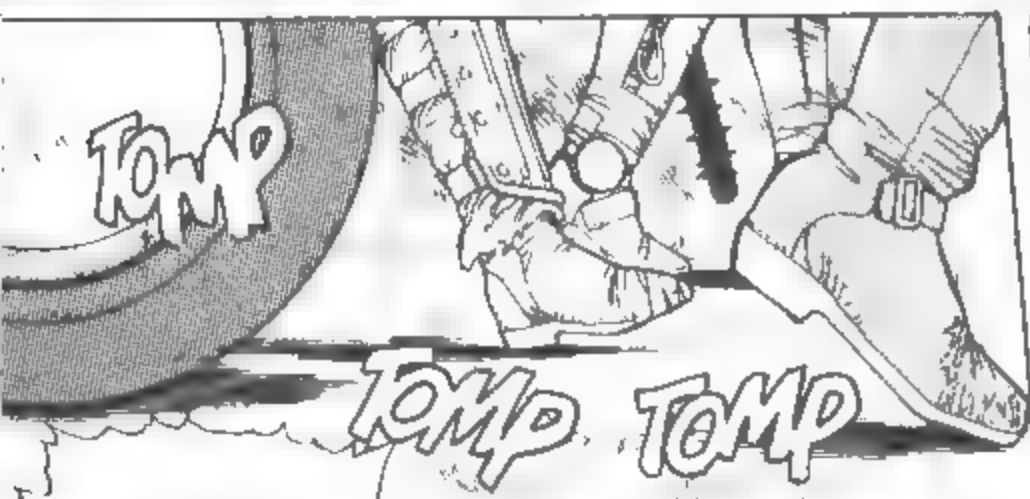
THAT GIRL IS
GOING TO CHALLENGE
THE GRAND
CHAMPION...?

HA, HA,
HA...
SOME
JOKE!

!







WAIT!

HUH !?

THIS IS
NO PLACE
FOR A
SQUABBLE...

IT'S A
ONE-
MILLION
CHIP!

WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO!?

YA
GONNA
GIVE IT
TO US
!?

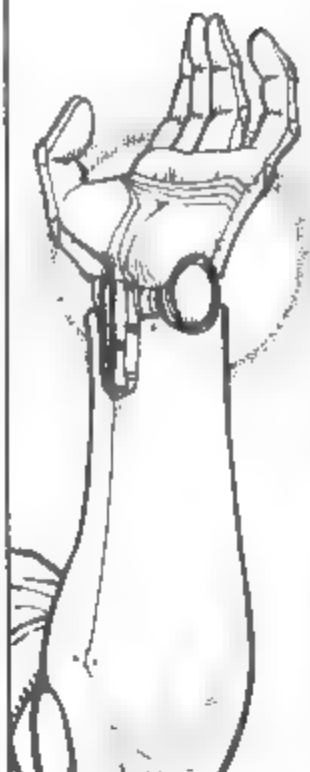
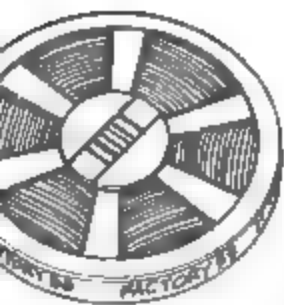
JING

WHY DON'T
WE HAVE
A LITTLE
GENTLE-
MANLY
WAGER?

Tok

IF YOU BEAT ME
ARM WRESTLING,
YOU CAN HAVE THE
CHIP AND THE GIRL...
BUT IF I WIN, YOU'LL
CLEAR THE HELL
OUT OF HERE.

HOW
ABOUT
IT?



NOT
A BAD
BET.

GET
HIM,
BOSS
!



VRMM

THIS JASHUGAN
BODY ISN'T FOR
MOTORBALL
COMPETITION...
JUST AN
ORDINARY
CIVILIAN
MODEL!



THAT BIKER
PUNK'S GOT MORE
POWER--
MORE RIGIDITY!
CAN HE WIN!?



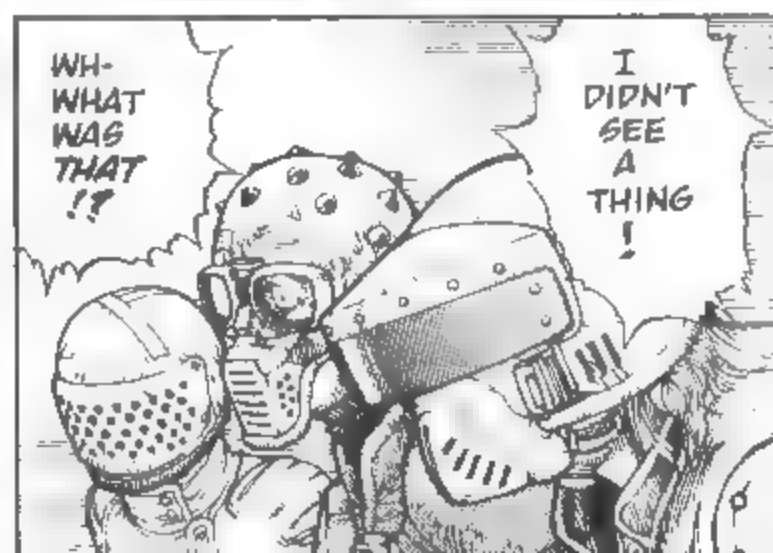
ARE YOU
READY
?

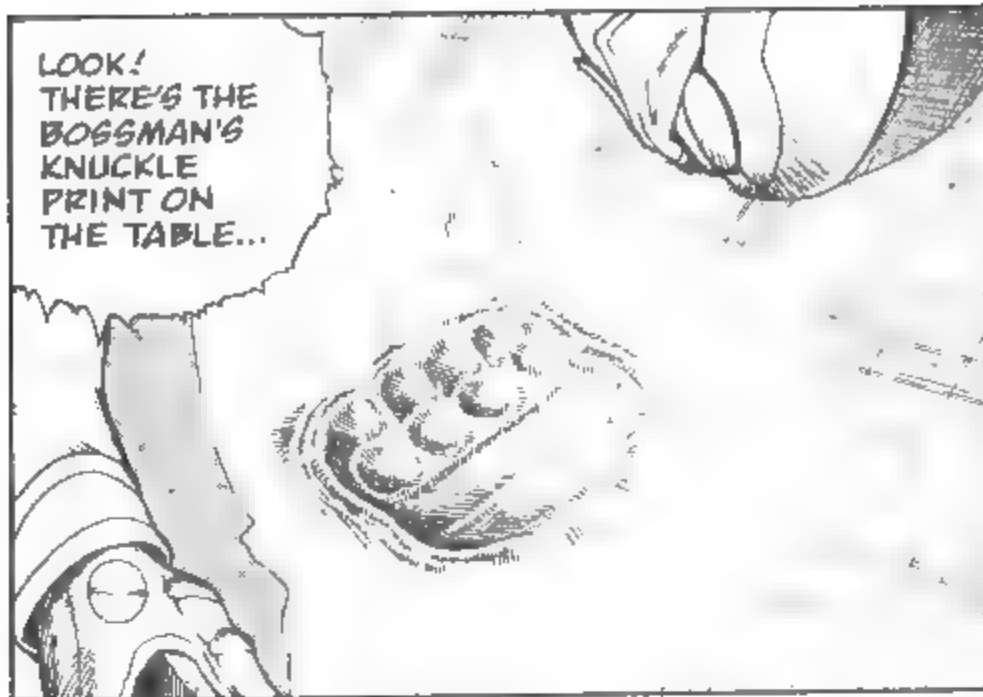
VRMM

VRMM

SWAP







YOU SEE,
ALITA?

BEFORE
PANZER KUNST...
BEFORE MASCHINE
KLATSCH...BEFORE
EVEN THE
GIMMICKS OF THE
BODY...

...THE
OUTCOME
OF A
BATTLE IS
DECIDED
BY THE
"CHI."

SOME
CALL IT
TIMING..
SOME
SAY IT'S
CHANCE..

...BUT ONE
STRIKES WHEN
NECESSARY, AND
AVOIDS WHEN
NECESSARY. THE
IMPORTANT THING
IS THE POWER
AND SPEED OF
THE HEART..

BORGHESIA

...THAT
CONCENTRATION
CAN TURN ONE'S
WILL INTO
POSSIBILITY.
THAT IS THE
"CHI."

TO BETTER
HELP YOU
UNDERSTAND,
PERHAPS
YOU'D LIKE
TO PLAY
THIS GAME
WITH ME...

BEAT ME
ARM WRESTLING, AND
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR
CHALLENGE...BUT
IF I WIN..





ED, IF I
LOSE, I
WANT YOU
TO DESTROY
THIS HEART!
THROW IT
AWAY!



BORO



UH...
ALL
RIGHT..
I'LL DO
IT!



I MUSTN'T
LOSE! I'D
RATHER
DIE THAN
LOSE TO
IDO!



SHE'S
GLARING
AT US



N-NO!
THIS
WASN'T
SUPPOSED
TO
HAPPEN..



GADDOOM

GADDOOM

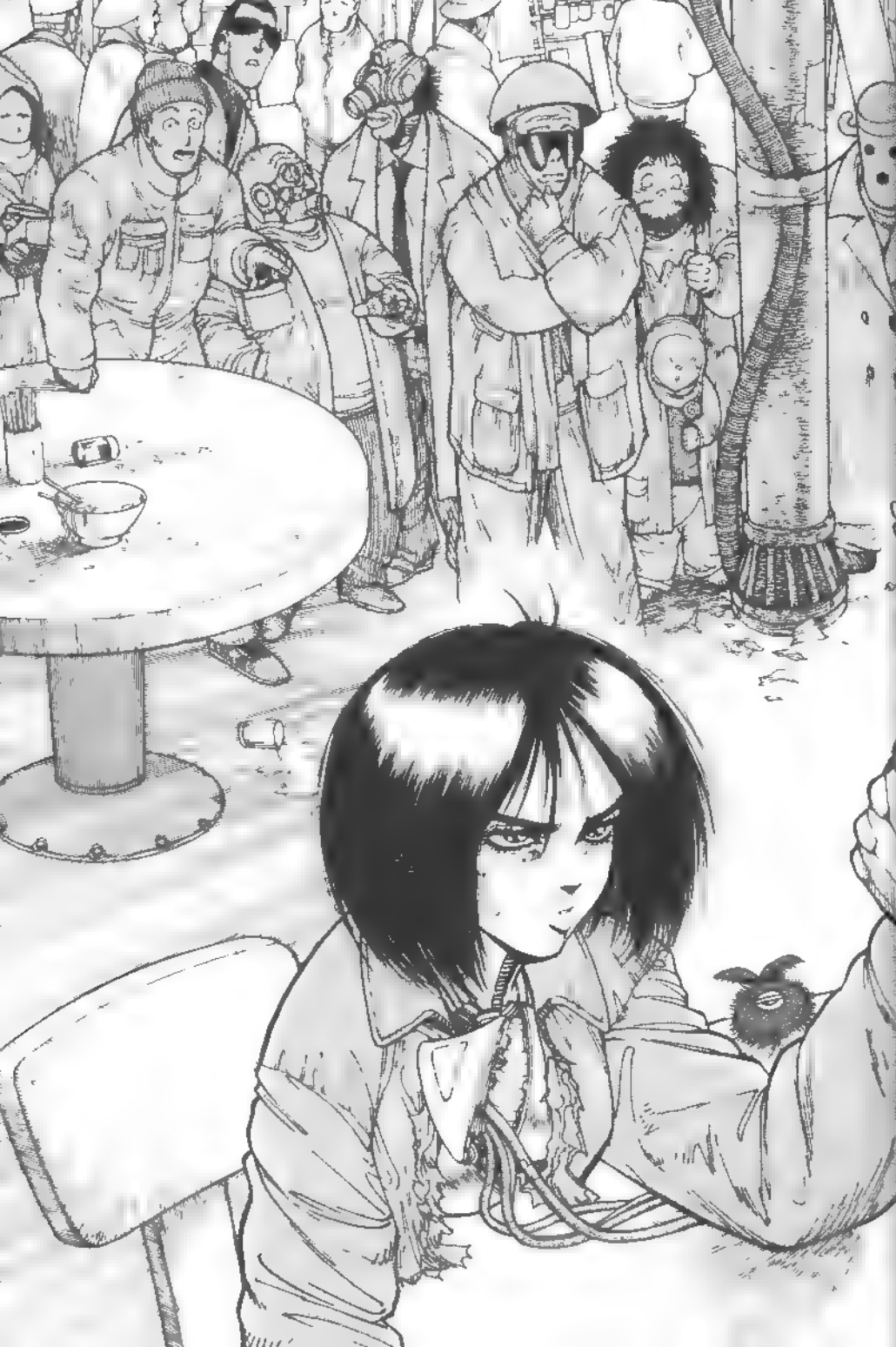
GADDOOM

GADDOOM

ALL THIS--
OVER A
MERE
MOTORBALL
CHALLENGE..

.. YOUR
HEART'S
ON THE LINE,
ALITA
THAT'S TRUE
COURAGE.
THAT'S...

...ADMIRABLE!







THE STRAIN ON
HER BONES
THE WHINE OF
THE MOTORS
THE VIBRATION
FROM THE
CIRCUITS... I
CAN SEE
IT ALL IN
MY MIND.



IT'S A WELL-
MAINTAINED
COMPETITION
MODEL GOOD
BALANCE,
TOO



THE ACTUATORS
HAVE MORE
CHANNELS THAN
NORMAL.
SACRIFICING
POWER FOR
ADDED
FLEXIBILITY.

STILL, SHE
HAS FOUR TO
FIVE TIMES
MY POWER
OUTPUT
RIGHT NOW

JUDGING FROM
THE WEAR ON
HER JOINTS, SHE
SEEMS PRETTY
CONFIDENT OF
HER SPEED



BORGHESIA

THE MATCH WILL BE
INSTANTANEOUS!

THE "CHI"
WILL DECIDE
THE
VICTOR!

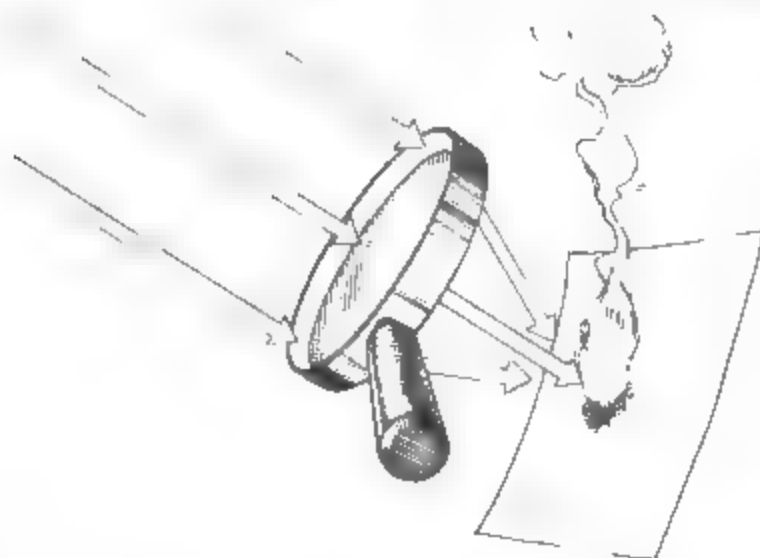
THE
"CHI"...

THE
"CHI" IS
NOT JUST
ABOUT
REACTION
SPEED
OR HOW
STRONGLY
THE
MUSCLES
REACT...



...IT'S ALSO THE
ABILITY TO READ
THE OPPONENT'S
ACTIONS AN
INSTANT BEFORE
THEY HAPPEN,
THEN CONCENTRATE
ALL OF ONE'S MEN-
TAL AND PHYSICAL
STRENGTH TO THE
ONE POINT THAT
WILL BE MOST
EFFECTIVE...

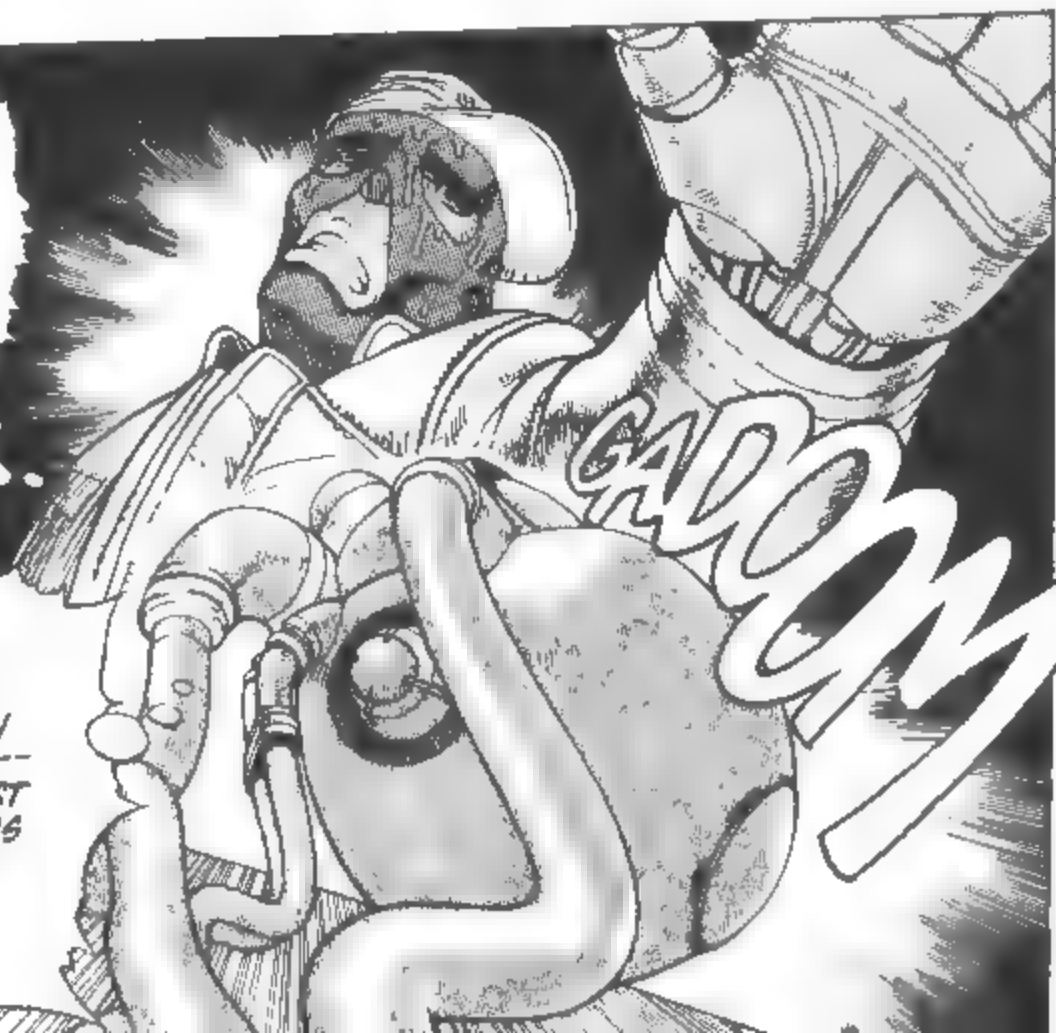
A WELL
FOCUSED "CHI"
WILL BRING FORTH
INCREDIBLE
POWER... THE
RAYS OF THE SUN
CAN'T BURN
PAPER, BUT...



...BY USING A
MAGNIFYING LENS--
CONCENTRATING
THE RAYS ON ONE
POINT-- THE
PAPER WILL BURN!
IT'S THE SAME
PRINCIPLE!

DAMMIT!
IF ALITA LOSES,
I'LL BE FORCED TO
DESTROY HER
HEART... I CAN'T
DO THAT! SHE'S
MY LAST HOPE...
THE ONLY CHANCE
I HAVE TO
REALIZE MY
DREAMS!

I MUST BELIEVE
IN HER! WITH EVERY
OUNCE OF MY WILL--
MY HEART--I MUST
BELIEVE THAT SHE'S
GOT WHAT IT
TAKES!



WHEN
FACE-TO-
FACE WITH
DEATH...

...PEOPLE
CAN HAVE AN
INCREDIBLE
AMOUNT OF
CONCENTRATION!
I'VE FELT IT
MYSELF!

GADDOON

IF, FOR EVEN
AN INSTANT,
ALITA'S "CHI"
RIVALS
JASHUGAN'S "CHI"
SHE HAS A
CHANCE! ALITA
POSSESSES
THE POWER
ADVANTAGE--
IF SHE CAN
USE IT!

HERE
GOES
!

BE--

SHAA

BE-
GI--

UNGH
UNH

!?



DAMN!
OF ALL
TIMES
FOR THE
"TERMINAL
FROST"
TO KICK
IN!



HHEY,
DOC! CAN
YOU TAKE
OVER AS
THE
REFEREE
!?



ALITA CAN'T
WIN! JASHUGAN
HAS HAD
BRAIN
SURGERY TO
ENHANCE
HER
ABILITY
OF "CHAK"

THE REASON
I JOINED
JASHUGAN'S
TEAM WAS TO
DEFEAT ALITA...
BUT I NEVER
WANTED TO
GET HER
KILLED!



I-I'M
AGAINST
THIS GAME
!

THE OUTCOME
IS OBVIOUS
FROM THE
START--
PREORDAINED!

WHA--?

FUCK



...IDO
!



WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT!
YOU'RE THE
ONE THAT
STARTED
ALL THIS
CRAZINESS!



JASHUGAN!
YOU'VE GOT
NOTHING TO
GAIN FROM
KILLING
THIS GIRL...



YOU
DON'T
THINK
SO?

SHE'S SHOWN
HER DETERMI-
NATION--
HOW CAN I
BACK DOWN
NOW!?

SHUMIRA!

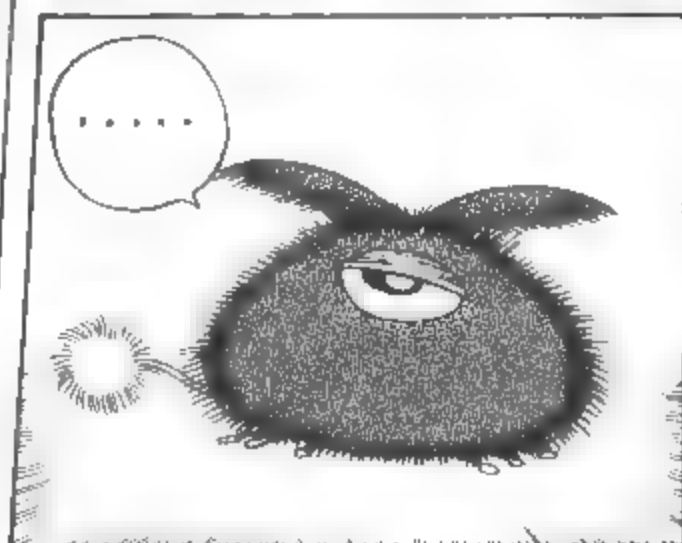




HEE, HEE!
SHUMIRA
BE JUDGE!
OKAY?



DON'T
TOUCH HER
COMPETITION
BODY--
YOU'LL GET
HURT.



IF YOU DIE,
CAN SHUMIRA
HAVE YOUR
FLUFFY?
OKAY?

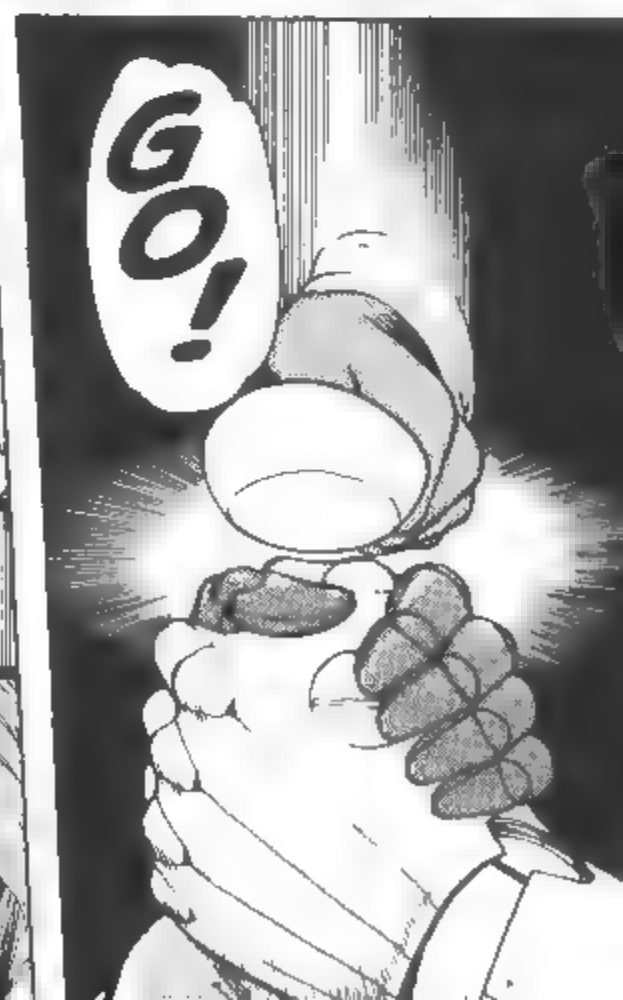
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WHATEVER
YOU WANT!

YAAAY!



OKAY!







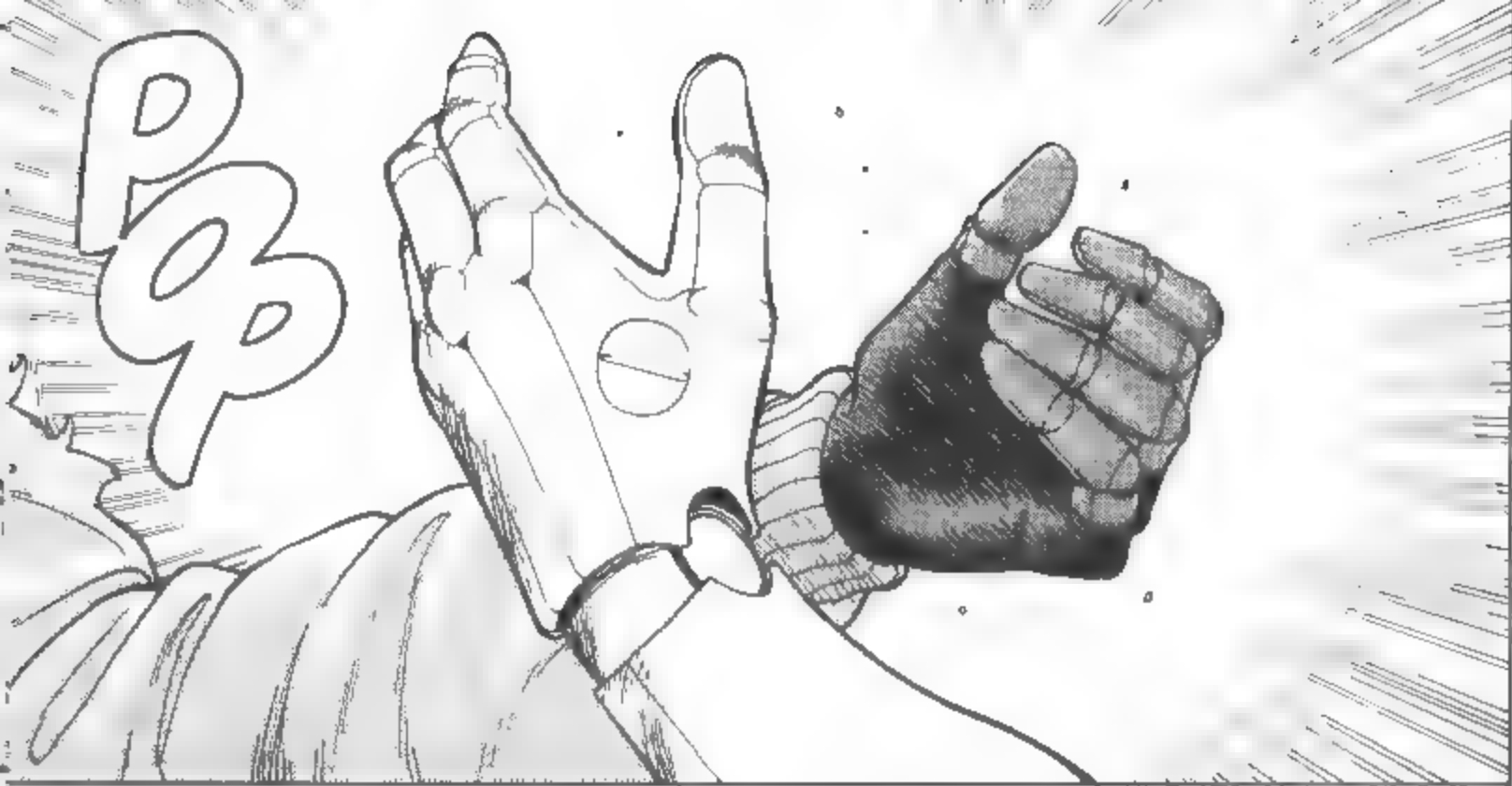




I FOCUSED
"CHI" ON THE
WEAKEST
PART OF
YOUR ARM--
AND YOU
SEE THE
RESULT!

EIGHTY
PERCENT
OF YOUR
ACTUATORS
ARE NOW
BLOWN!







WE'LL
FINISH
THIS
ON THE
CIRCUIT
!



ALITA...
WASN'T
IT?

I
ACCEPT
YOUR
CHALLENGE
!

MOTORBALL
REGS SAY
I CAN'T
PLAY ONE
ON ONE
AGAINST A
**SECOND
LEAGUE
PLAYER**



DOESN'T
MATTER
WHO YOU GET,
BUT PUT
TOGETHER A
**CHALLENGER
TEAM--AT
LEAST FIVE
MEMBERS!**

A TEAM OF
FIVE..
CHALLENGERS...



THAT'S RIGHT!
WHEN YOUR
TEAM'S
TOGETHER,
I'LL ACCEPT
YOUR
CHALLENGE!

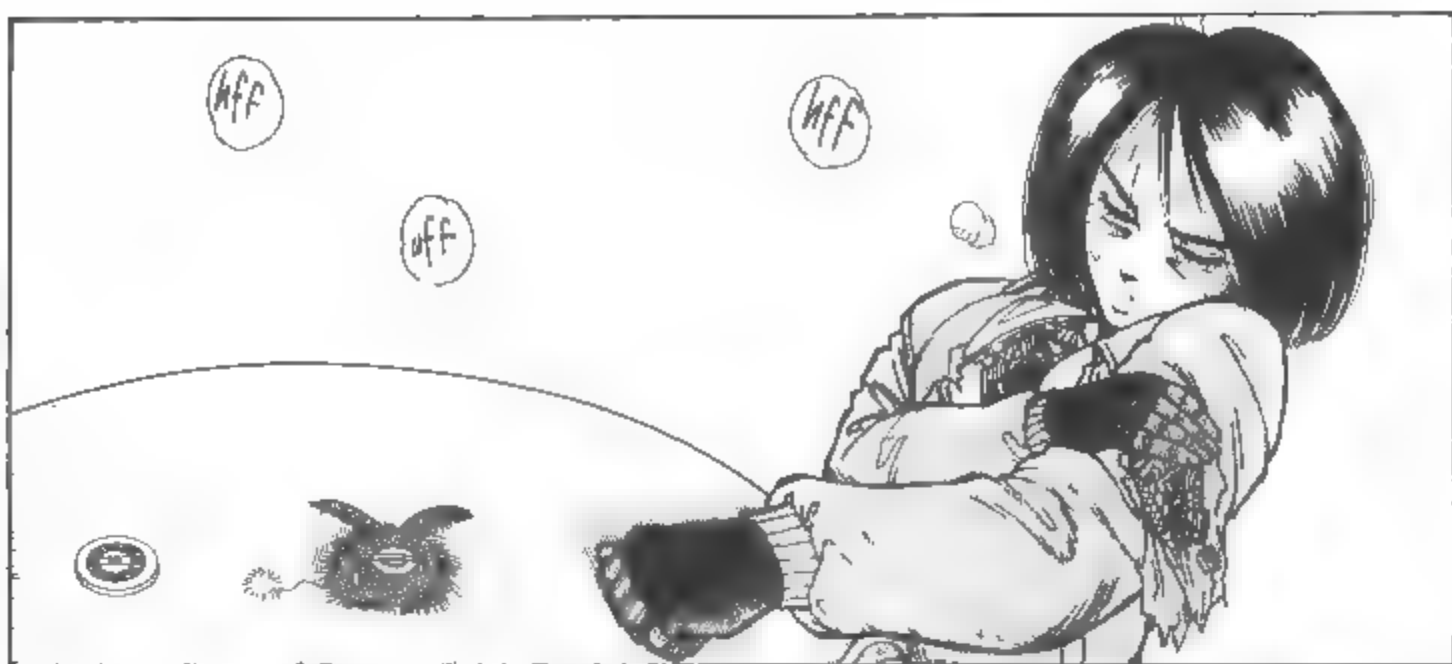


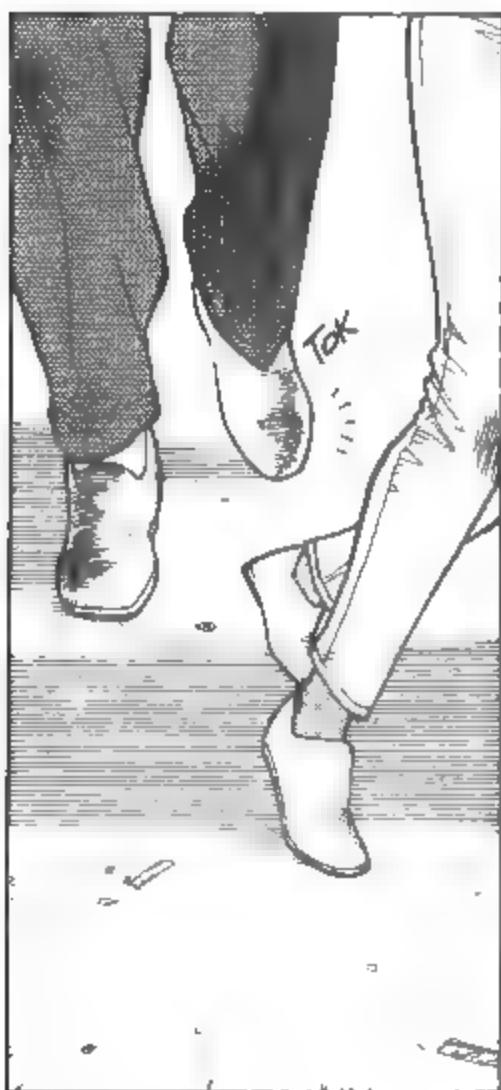
I'LL BE
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT..
ALITA!



WHY DID
BIG BROTHER
STOP!?
SHUMIRA
WANTED
FLUFFY!

OH, I'LL BUY
YOU ONE JUST
LIKE IT.







BIG
BROTHER'S
HAND
!?

JASHUGAN
WHAT TH--!?

HEH! IT
SEEMS THAT
WOMAN--
SHE SENT
SOME SORT
OF VIBRATION
INTO MY
ARM!



MY
COMMAND
OF "CHI"
TOOK ALITA'S
POWER
DOWN TO
EIGHTY
PERCENT,
BUT...

...BY THEN MY
ARM WAS A
GONER! HAD
WE CONTINUED
ARM
WRESTLING, I
WOULD HAVE
BEEN THE
ONE TO
LOSE!



HEH
HEH

NOW THERE'S
ONE MORE
REASON
TO LIVE
A LITTLE
LONGER!

BORGHESIA

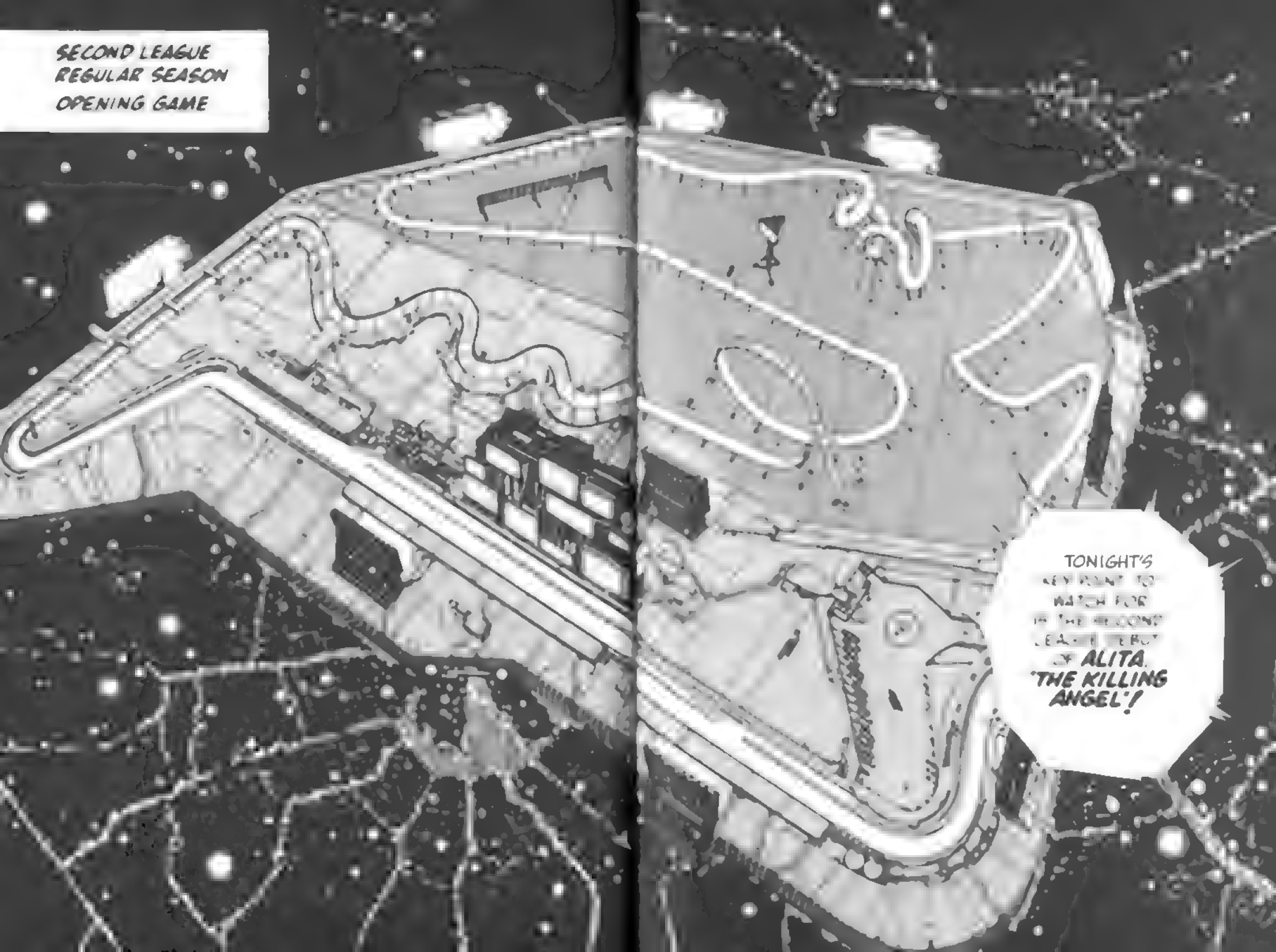
7.



ONLY ONE HEART

Race 5: Risking All



An aerial, high-contrast black and white photograph of a city at night. A large, brightly lit stadium with a distinctive roof structure is the central focus. The stadium's interior is visible, showing the field and seating areas. The surrounding city is depicted with a network of glowing lines representing streets and buildings, creating a complex, web-like pattern. The overall tone is dramatic and futuristic.

SECOND LEAGUE
REGULAR SEASON
OPENING GAME

TONIGHT'S
KEY PLAY TO
WATCH FOR
IN THE SECOND
LEAGUE DEBUT
OF ALITA,
"THE KILLING
ANGEL!"

FANS AND
MOTORBALL
OFFICIALS
ARE BUZZING
OVER A
RUMOR THAT
JUST LAST
WEEK...

...ALITA
AND THE
TOP LEAGUE'S
EMPEROR
JASHUGAN
ARM-WRESTLED
TO A
STANDSTILL
IN AN
INFORMAL
MATCH!

BLACK Kishiro Tile ANNIHILATOR KILL

THIS
AMAZING
FEAT GAVE
ALITA THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO CHALLENGE
THE CHAMP
HIMSELF
!

ALITA'S
GARNERED
A LOT OF
ATTENTION
DOWN IN
THIRD LEAGUE
PLAY, BUT
FOR MOST
FANS, SHE'S
STILL
SHROUDED IN
MYSTERY!

HOW WELL
WILL THE
KILLING
ANGEL
FARE HERE
IN THE
SECOND
LEAGUE!?

ON
TOP
OF
THAT...

KIK KIK CHIK

SPECULATION
IS RAMPANT
ABOUT WHO ALITA
WILL CHOOSE
TO JOIN HER
FIVE-MAN
CHALLENGE
TEAM TO FACE
JASHUGAN!

TLOK

WHO
WILL ALITA
PICK AS
ALLIES
!?

GREE

FSSSHH

SPASH

ALITA



HMM!

YOUR
EXPRESSION'S
CHANGED
SINCE THAT
RUN-IN WITH
JASHUGAN.

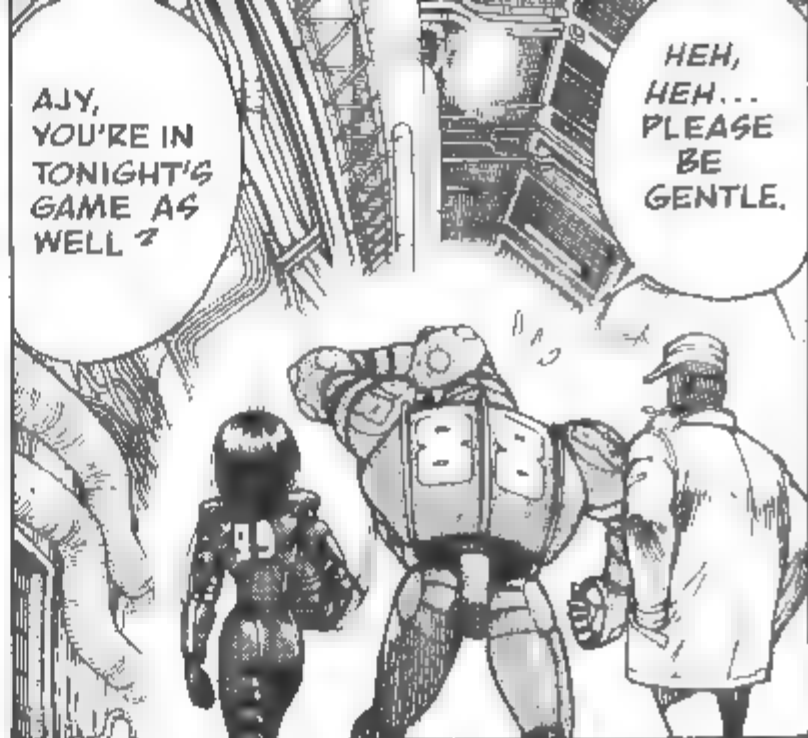
OH
?

BEFORE,
YOU
SEEMED
SORT OF
RECKLESS--
ALOOF. .

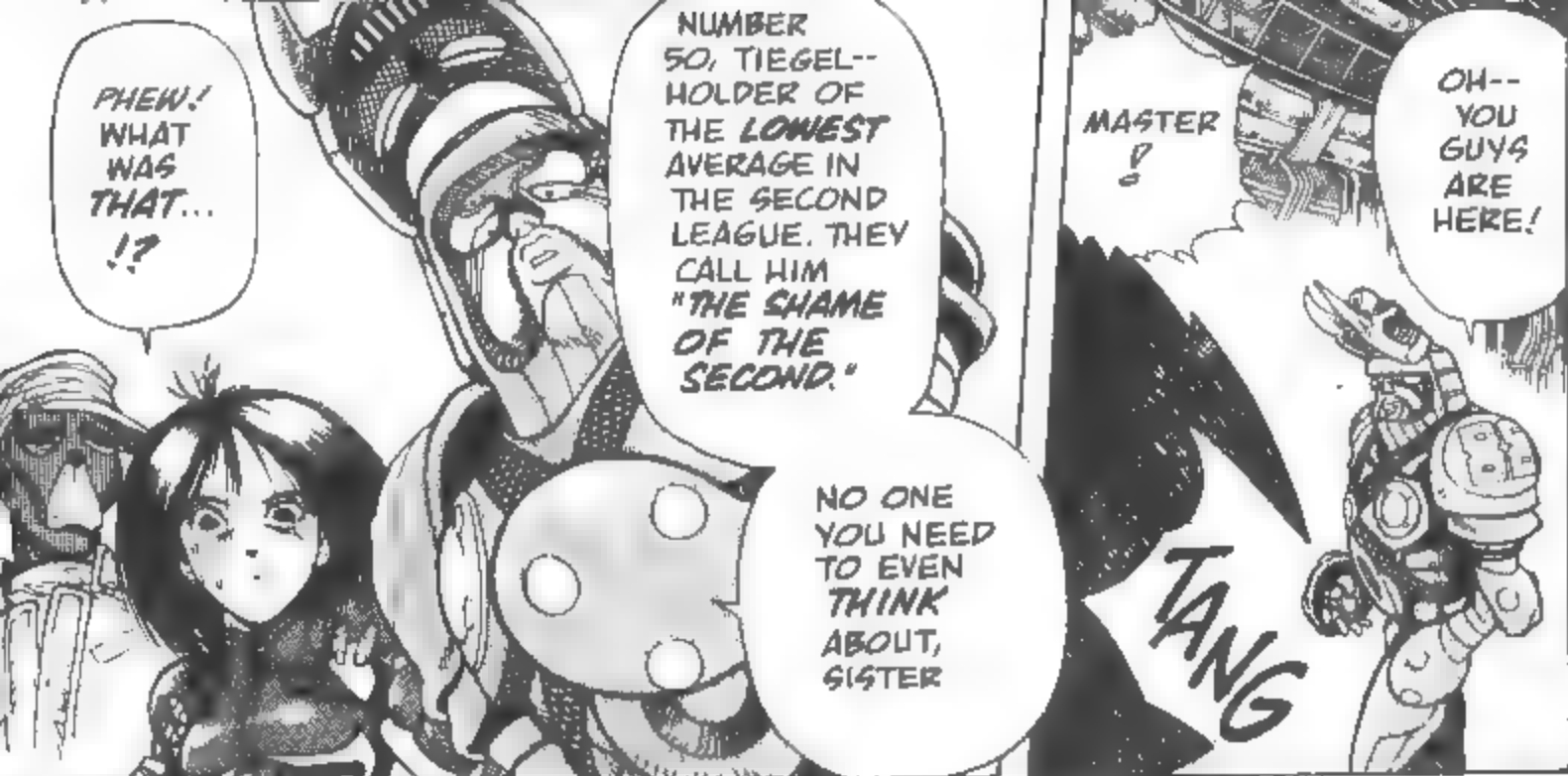
NOW I HAVE
A **PURPOSE**..
ONE NAMED
JASHUGAN
AND I
UNDERSTAND
WHAT WAS
MISSING
BEFORE...

. A GOAL,
A MISSION
FOR MY
LIFE! A
PERSON HAS
TO HAVE
SOMETHING
TO **STRIVE**
FOR!

ALWAYS BEING ON
THE DEFENSIVE--RUNNING
AWAY-- IT'LL JUST
MAKE YOU **ROT**
INSIDE! I CAN'T LIVE
THAT WAY.. AND
WITH **JASHUGAN** TO
GO UP AGAINST, I
WON'T HAVE TO!







PHEW!
WHAT
WAS
THAT...
!?

NUMBER
50, TIEGEL--
HOLDER OF
THE **LOWEST**
AVERAGE IN
THE SECOND
LEAGUE. THEY
CALL HIM
"THE SHAME
OF THE
SECOND."

MASTER
!

OH--
YOU
GUYS
ARE
HERE!

NO ONE
YOU NEED
TO EVEN
THINK
ABOUT,
SISTER

TANG



!?



THESE ARE MY
STUDENTS OF THE
"ASIAN ARTS," EACH
WITH A FIELD OF
SPECIALTY! THEY
ARE THE *FUTURE*
OF THE SECOND
LEAGUE'S COMBAT-
ORIENTED PLAYERS!

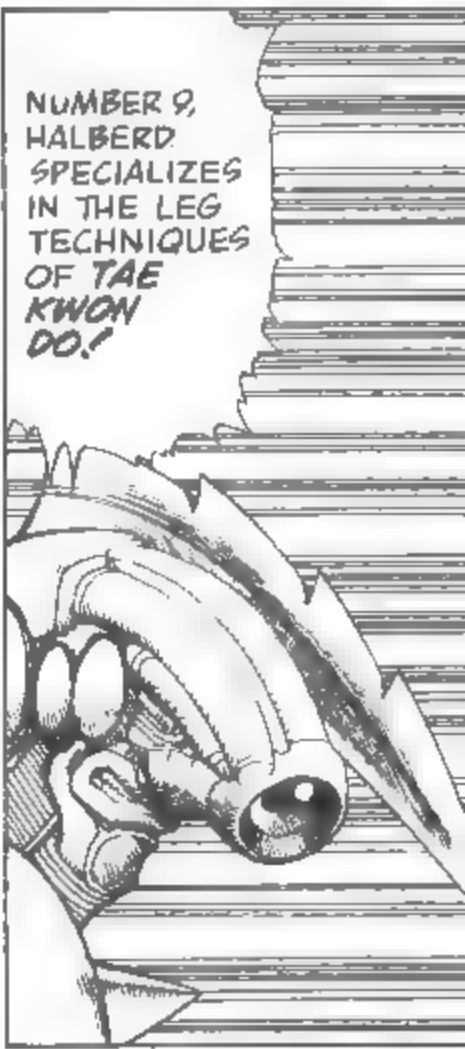
LET ME
INTRODUCE
THEM!



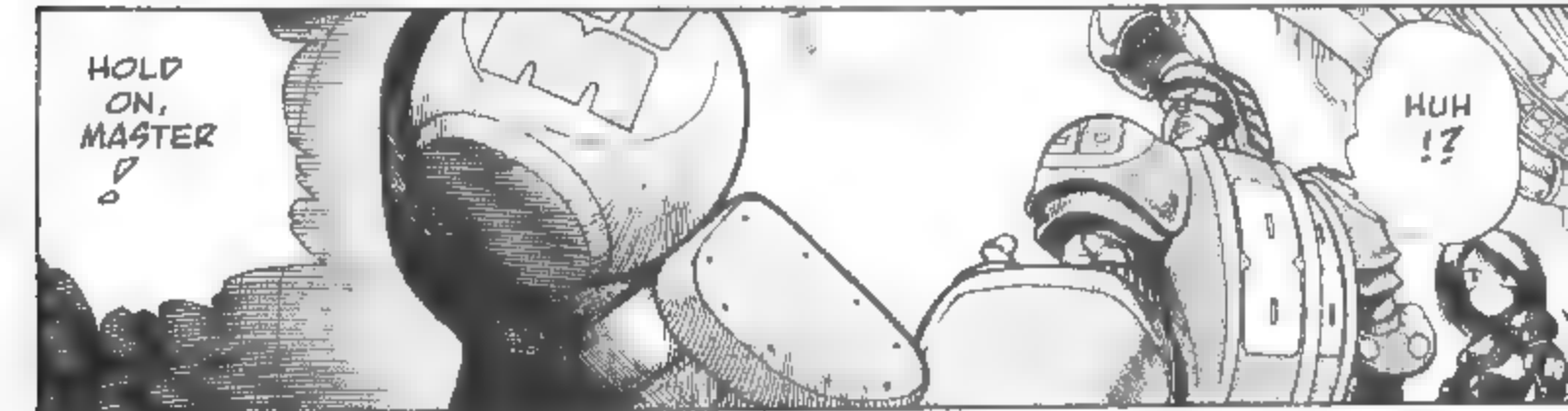
NUMBER 33,
"PILE-DRIVER
BARGERALD"
WIELDER OF
THE ASIAN ART
MUE
KATCHUAH!



NUMBER 24,
"SKARAMASAKUS
THE RUNNER"
ACCOMPLISHED
IN THE ASIAN
ART OF *YUAN*
YANG TI
KON CHUN!



NUMBER 9,
HALBERD
SPECIALIZES
IN THE LEG
TECHNIQUES
OF *TAE*
KWON
DO!



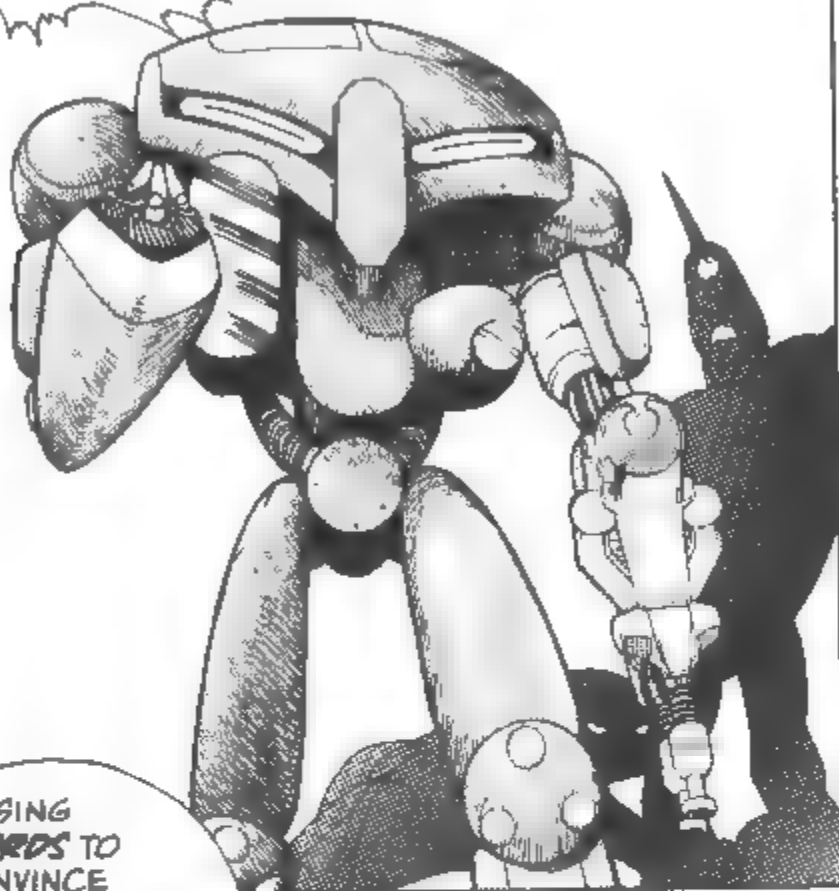
HOLD
ON,
MASTER
!

HUH
!?

JUST BECAUSE
WE GET THE
CHANCE TO
TAKE ON THE
CHAMP, WHY DO
YOU HAVE TO
BOW DOWN TO
THIS LITTLE
GIRL!?

THAT'S
RIGHT
!

I'LL NOT
ALLOW YOU
TO SPEAK
THAT WAY
ABOUT
SISTER
ALITA!

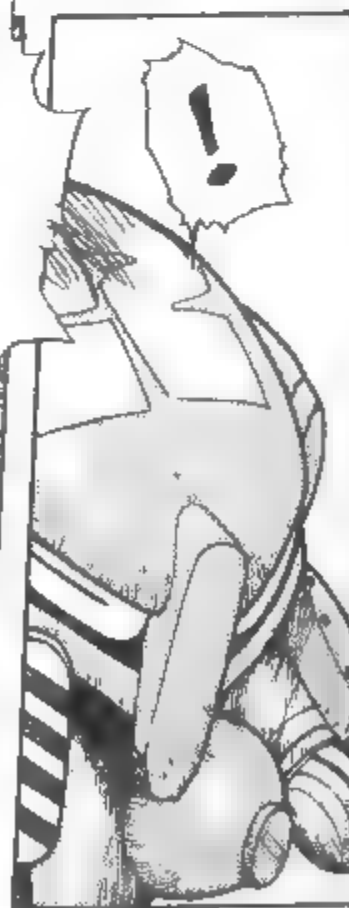


Spak.

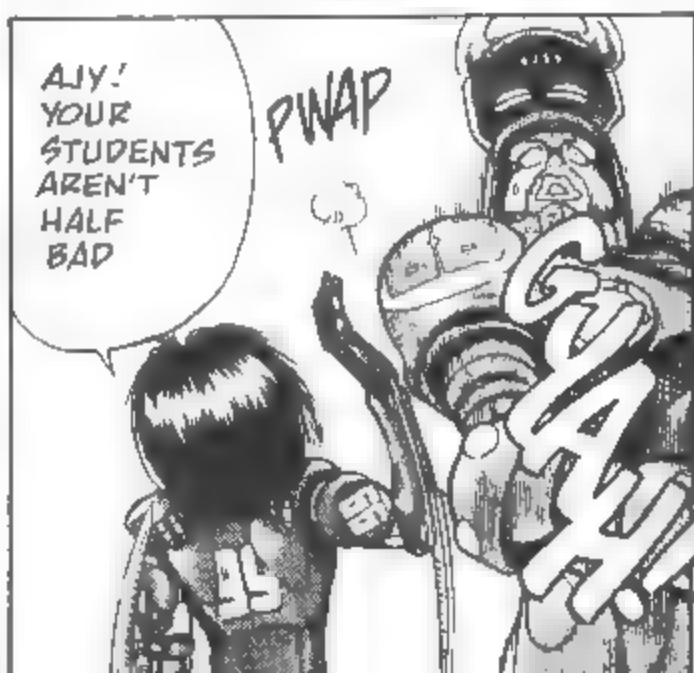
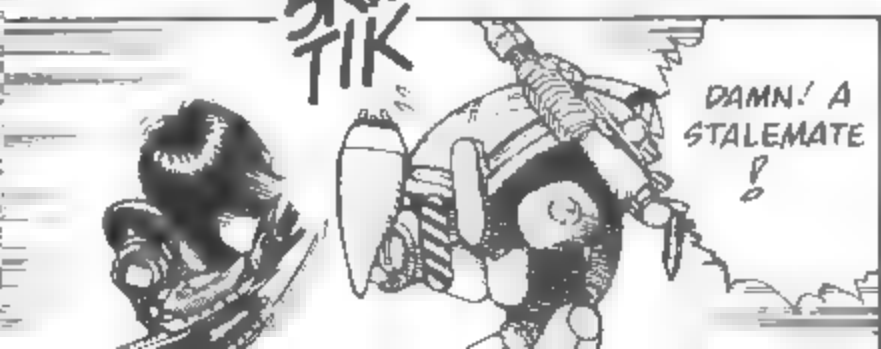
USING
WORDS TO
CONVINCE
SOMEONE
ALWAYS TAKES
TOO LONG--
AND MY
TEMPER IS
ALREADY
RUNNING
SHORT!

I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
SHOW
YOU!
COME ON,
TOUGH
GUY!

SKREE
CHA







THEY BOTH STOPPED--
AND IT LOOKED LIKE
A DRAW--BUT IF THIS
HAD BEEN A REAL
FIGHT, ALITA'S BLADE
WOULD HAVE
SEVERED BARGE'S
LIFE-SUPPORT
SYSTEM!

DID SHE
FAKE A DRAW
SO THAT
BARGERALD
AND I COULD
SAVE FACE..?



THE
GAME
IS
ABOUT
TO
BEGIN

WHAT'S
A BUNCH
OF
GRUNTS
LIKE **YOU**
DISCUSSING,
EH?

SHEENG

TING

SO
WHO
IS
THIS?

Y-YOU
DON'T
KNOW
!?

THAT'S
"CALIGULA"
ARMBLESSED!
HE'S THE
CRUELEST
PLAYER
EVER TO
BECOME
CHAMP OF
THE SECOND
LEAGUE!

SHEENG

GRR!

HE'S
BROUGHT
HIS
SIDEKICK,
"DIRTY"
PESHKAVUS!

SO YOU'RE THE
INFAMOUS
ALITA! THE
FANS MAY FIND
IT UNFORTUNATE
THAT YOUR
CHALLENGE TO
JASHUGAN
WILL **NOT** BE
COMING TO
PASS...

BECAUSE
TONIGHT YOUR
BRAIN WILL BE
FLOOR WAX!
I'M GOING TO
POLISH THE
WHOLE **ARENA**
WITH YOUR
HEAD!

OH, YEAH.. I
FORGOT THAT
THE SECOND
LEAGUE HAD
A CHAMPION
OF ITS OWN...

IF YOU TWO
WANT TO BE
INCLUDED IN
THE CHALLENGE
TEAM, STOP
ACTING SO
TOUGH AND
ASK...

I'LL
THINK
ABOUT
IT.

UH!

99

AAARGH!

HOW
DARE
SHE
HUMIL-
IATE
ME
!!

STOMP

GAA!

I'LL
KILL HER!
SHE'S
GOING TO
DIE!

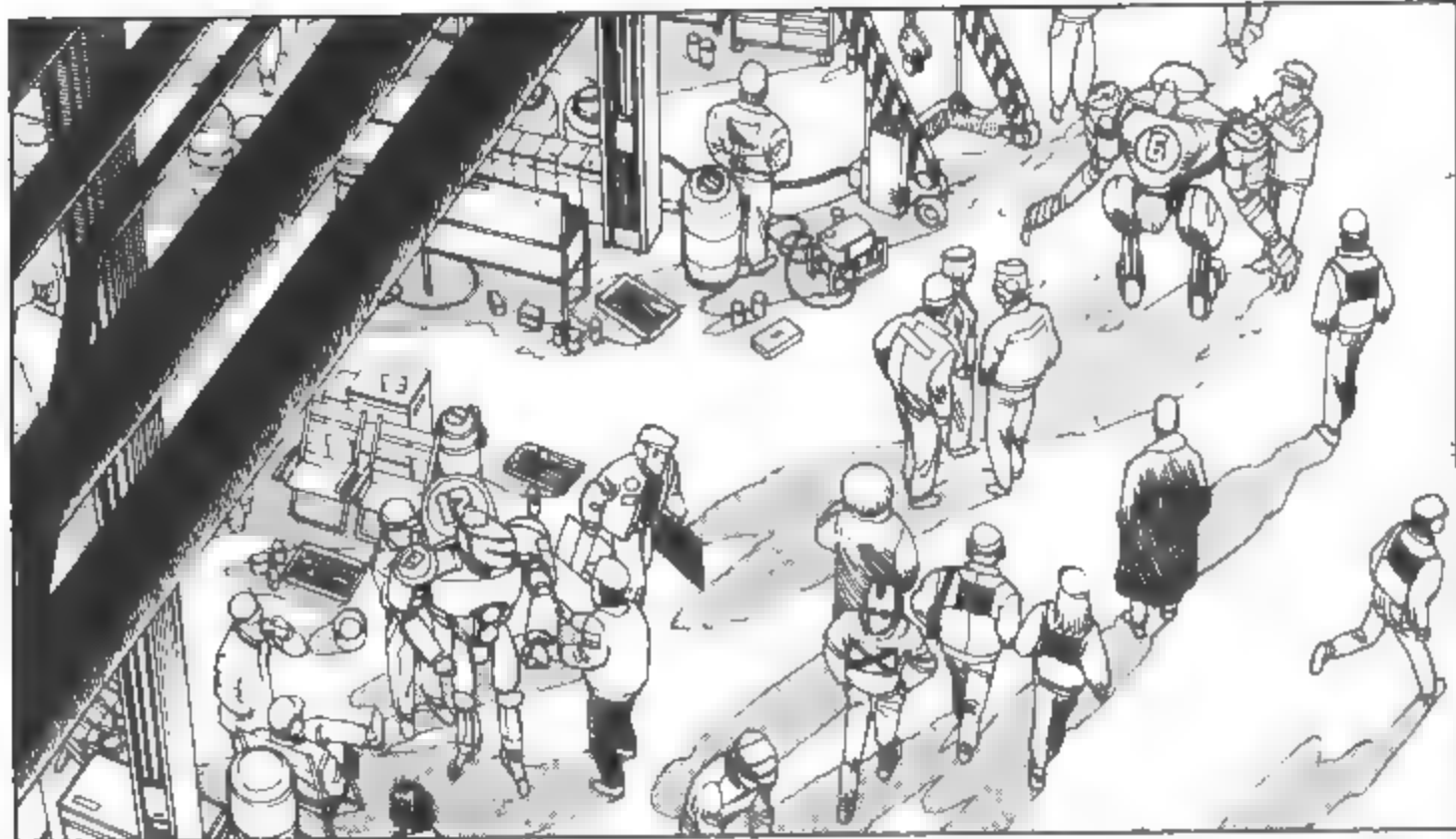
DEATH,
DEATH,
DEATH!

WOMP
WOMP

THAT'S
SOME
TANTRUM!
SERVES
HIM
RIGHT..

SISTER,
YOU
REALLY
KNOW
HOW TO
PROVOKE
PEOPLE,
DON'T
YOU?

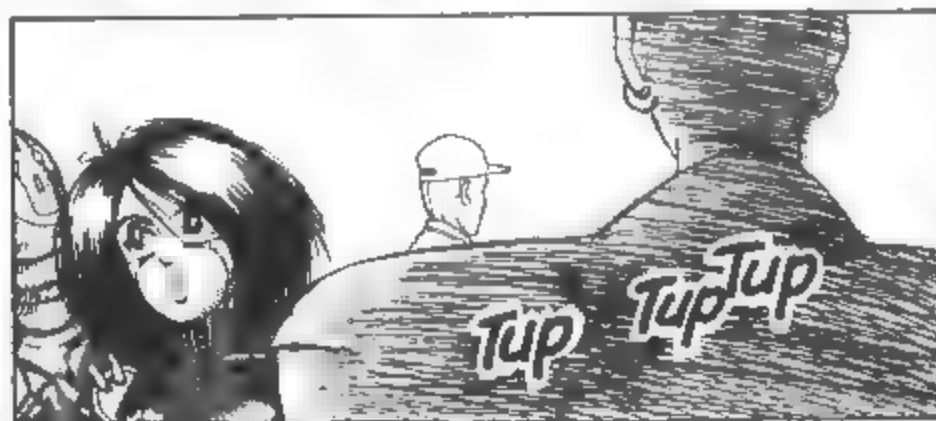
ALL I
DO IS
SPEAK
MY
MIND...



WHERE
WERE YOU
TWO!? WE
STILL HAVE
TO DO
THE FINAL
CHECK ON
ALITA'S
BODY!



SORRY.



Tup TupTup



!?



SUCH
A SWIFT
APPROACH...!
HAD THIS BEEN A
FIGHT, I WOULD
HAVE BEEN
DEFENSELESS!

SHOOOSH

A WOMAN...

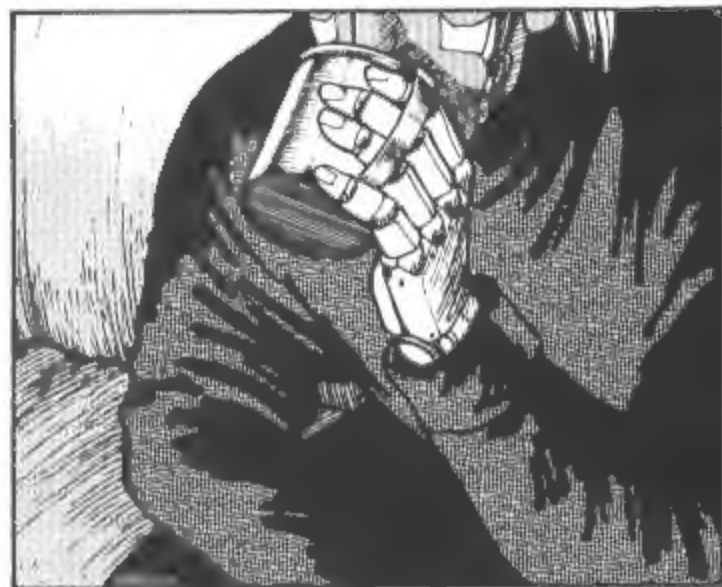
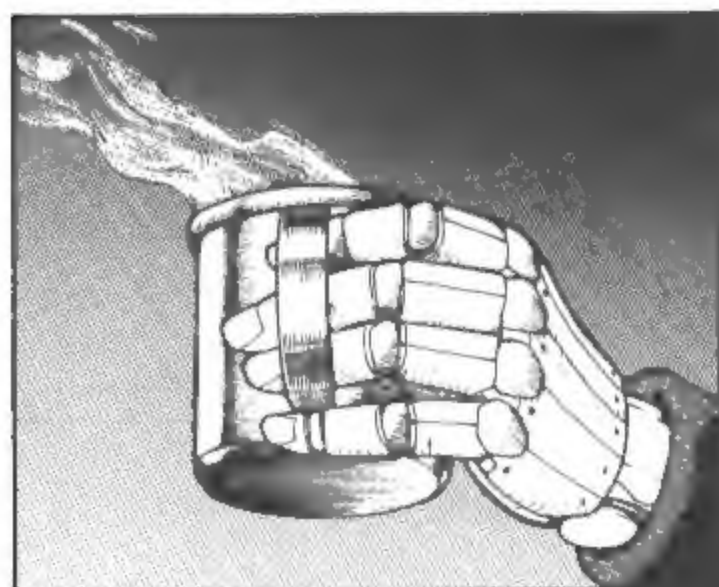
AJY, THIS
IS REALLY
EXCITING...!

NUMBER 7,
"CRIMSON
WIND" ZAFAL
TAKIÉ.
HER ONLY
WEAPON...HER
INCREDIBLE
SPEED AND
TECHNIQUE.

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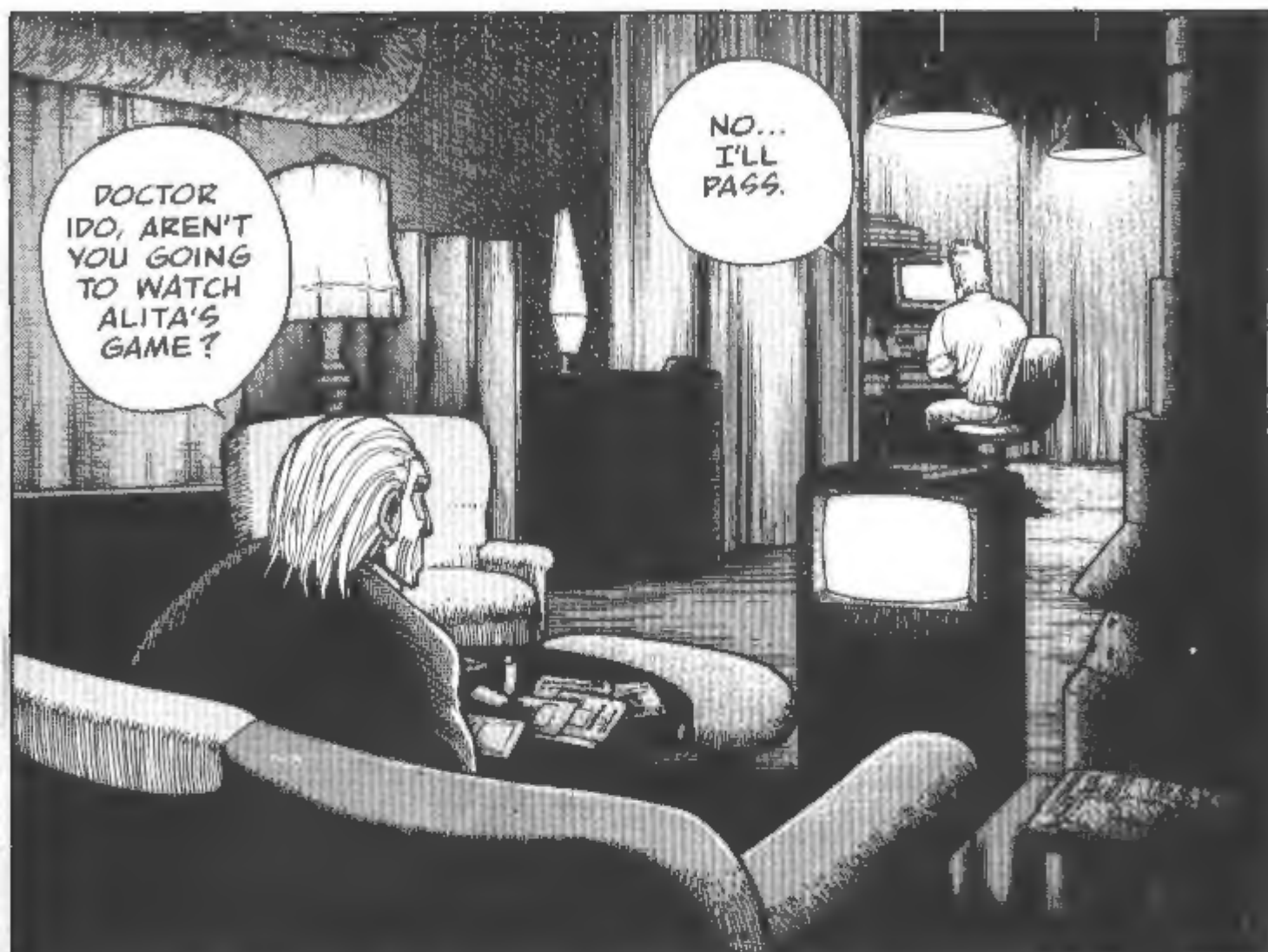
EVEN BEFORE
THE GAME
BEGINS, THE
LEVEL OF
EXCITEMENT
HERE AT
GREGORY
CIRCUIT IS
UNUSUALLY
HIGH!

YEAHAA!



SO...
LET'S SEE
HOW THIS
ALITA
PLAYS...





DOCTOR
IDO, AREN'T
YOU GOING
TO WATCH
ALITA'S
GAME?

NO...
I'LL
PASS.



.....
WHY DO
YOU HIDE
IT?



UH...
HIDE
WHAT?



DON'T PLAY
INNOCENT
WITH ME!
YOU WERE
INVOLVED
WITH THIS
ALITA!

WHAT
IS IT
THAT
YOU'RE
AFTER
!?

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